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Official blasts plan to reanimate rail line

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN - As the state prepares to authorize a new study on the proposed options for a rail line linking the western areas of Monmouth and Ocean counties, debate has resumed over how that could affect Matawan.

The proposed reactivation of a rail line linking Lakewood, Farmingdale, Freehold and Matawan is supported by many county officials, but according to Peter J. Koelsch, borough resident and vice chairman of the Monmouth County Transportation Coordinating Committee, the plan would have many negative effects on the borough.

However, other borough residents, like Councilman James Shreiber, believe an additional rail line would boost commerce in the borough.

Koelsch said that the current Main Street grade crossing has the second heaviest vehicular traffic use in Monmouth County. He said that the gates close a minimum of 74 times every weekday between 5:19 a.m. and 2:38 p.m. The proposed line, he asserts, would add another 38 closings to that figure, adding to traffic problems in the borough.

Robert Clark, director of the Monmouth County Planning Board, said he did not know about the accuracy of that figure because it has never been determined exactly how many runs a day the train would make.

Koelsch said that six more grade crossings would have to be constructed in the borough to accommodate the line. Four of them - Division Street, Clinton Street, Davis Wilson Avenue and Texas Road - are lightly traveled residential streets.

However, the other crossing - Church Street and Route 79 - will see major problems in terms of congestion and traveling time, he said.

Clark believes that traffic problems may actually be reduced since fewer vehicles may be coming into the train station because they will be able to catch the train at other locations.

Koelsch pointed out the amount of development along the line, with houses located very near the tracks. A home currently being built on Route 79, he said, is practically sitting on the tracks. "Just stop and see how close that house is," he said.

Clark maintains, however, that "By and large, not many homes are affected." He said that some people have given him the impression that there are thousands of homes located right next to the tracks. "That's not the reason," he said. He added that officials have examined aerial photographs of the entire length of the rail line.

Shreiber supports the liasion fought for it several years ago when he served as director of the Department of Economic Development in Freehold. "I'll support the line because I've always supported the line," he said, citing the commercial benefits that the line could bring.

"It's going to be a boost to the economy of Monmouth County," he added.

Shreiber said that his view on the issue probably conflicts with the views of many of the borough residents and people who own homes near the line. "They're putting together quite a PR effort to keep the rail link out," he said. "You're going to find more people against it, I'm sure."

Saying it is unfortunate that there has been development close to the line, nevertheless, Shreiber said, "The railroad never relinquished its right to the line.

Shreiber said he was upset several years ago when Mayor Robert Stuey took a position for the borough against the rail line, because it was not his position as a council member.

New study likely to be delayed for months

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN - A new study on the proposed options for a rail line linking the western areas of Monmouth and Ocean counties probably will not begin for several months.

A Monmouth-Ocean study figure, every significant error, a number of residents oppose the Matawan line because the Red Bank line would be the least expensive, a number of residents oppose the Matawan line. He added he feels the study was designed to support the Matawan line, but does not understand why it seems to benefit the Red Bank line. "It was not the position as a council member."

Koelsch asserted he feels the study was designed to support the Matawan line. "We had the study, and the study looks at the reality," he said. He added that officials have examined aerial photographs of the entire length of the rail line.

Koelsch said Assemblywoman Clare Farnarag and Assemblyman Michael Armone have proposed an Assembly resolution to re-examine the project and the state Department of Transportation has received word the federal government will appropriate approximately $1.2 million for a new study. Koelsch said he is hopeful a new study could shed light on the project.

Director of the Monmouth County Planning Board, Robert Clark, said the county has received notice the money has been approved but will not consider it official until the check is received. Clark estimated that the state probably will not hire a consultant to perform the study until two or three months after it receives the grant.

Further, Koelsch said, the project is supposed to bring transit to the western part of Monmouth County. He asserts there is virtually no transit west of Route 9 in the New Jersey Turnpike. The Matawan line, he said, is east of Route 9 in an area already served by various forms of mass transit. "Why put the proposed $120 million service in an area already well-served by transit?" he asked.

Of the other options, Koelsch said he favors the line from Lakewood to Red Bank because it is the cheapest to accomplish. The environmental impact, he said, would be greatly reduced as opposed to a Matawan line. A West Orange option, he said, because it would only require upgrading to accommodate greater speeds and various other improvements. The Matawan line would require a new train trestle over Lake Matawan, he added, charging that the MOM study virtually ignores that fact. A train trestle "is the most expensive thing to build and maintain," he noted.

Clark said the MOM study "was a very preliminary study. ... The details are very preliminary." He added that much of the information has to be updated for 1992 since the study was done nearly four years ago. "I'm still convinced at this point in time Matawan is the best alternative," he said. Clark agreed with Koelsch that the train trestle would be a great expense, but said other lines have expenses too. The Old Bridge line, he said, would have a problem hooking into the main northeast corridor line.

According to Koelsch, the Matawan line began running in 1878, but was abandoned in 1954 when the now-defunct Rollo Bus Company took over service. Officials began considering the possibility of a new rail line several years ago, Koelsch said, when a study was done to examine Route 9, which, as it progressed, turned into the MOM study.

ON THE RIGHT TRACK?

Many county officials believe that reactivating the old rail line through Matawan may be a way to solve transit problems in western Monmouth County.

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EDITORIALS

Brenner, Ozer are best choice

For the Matawan-Aberdeen School District, we endorse Marilyn Brenner and Irwin Ozer for the two three-year terms and John Barbato for the one-year unexpired term in Aberdeen, and Arthur Fumarola for a full term in Matawan.

Brenner, who is currently board president, has been a leader throughout her 15 years on the board. She brings a wealth of experience to dealing with the many difficult situations that face school boards. Brenner’s experience would be invaluable to the district in the tough times facing it in the next few years, with the impact of lost state aid.

Ozer, a math teacher with more than 20 years of experience, has offered a number of innovative ideas to further the purpose of education without impacting on the school budget, and has a record of community service.

Barbato, who works as a financial control manager, has experience in cutting industry costs — a skill greatly needed if the state funds for the Matawan-Aberdeen School District do not come through this year or next.

Until Ed Kooi announced his write-in candidacy this week, Fumarola was uncontested in Matawan. Fumarola has served the board well and has a long history of service to his community. He deserves re-election.

Incumbents, newcomer for Hazlet

For the Hazlet Board of Education, we endorse incumbents Toni Casha and Joseph Cooney and newcomer Linda Boehler.

Casharella has a wide range of experience in education and on the local education scene, making her an extremely capable board member.

Cooney brings to the board a special view, that of a retired senior citizen. He is especially interested in keeping an eye on the budget, but also concerned about the welfare of public school students, and strives to balance both concerns.

Boehler has been active with the Lilian Drive Parent Teacher Organization and as a classroom mother.

We also encourage voters to vote yes for this year’s budget. Board members have worked hard to keep the tax-rate increase down, and the administration has done a commendable job in developing next year’s restructuring plan. A “yes” vote would encourage them to keep up the good work.

LETTERS

Would teach again

On Jan. 31, I retired from teaching, and although I have no second thoughts, I am not a happy man.

In late August 1956, after some urging by my lifelong friend, Vincent McCue, I became a proud faculty member of the Union Beach public school system. Six years later, I became a proud faculty member of Raritan High School, of the Hazlet school system.

That last day of my career caused me to reminisce on the many classroom techniques that I developed (some successful, some not); the annual dramatic-musical productions that I had directed; and recently, our yearbook and newspaper publications of which I had been advisor.

In retrospect, these thoughts brought warm feelings, but the greatest glow I enjoy is when I think about my former students, returning to school as parents, for conferences to discuss their children with me, being their teacher. Those moments are truly special and I’ll cherish them always.

My sensitive and imaginative colleagues in the English Department sympathized with me on this day and gave me a magnificent farewell, informing me of the beautiful things that I had accomplished as a teacher.

It was extremely humbling, and in their presence, I held back tears, that was not true when I got in the privacy of my home.

At sometime in the great hereafter, if it is the wish of mankind’s creator for us to return to earth for another fling, and he should ask me what I’d do this time around, my response would be swift: “I’d like to return to New Jersey and be a faculty member of Union Beach for six years and of Raritan High School, Hazlet, for 29½ years.”

JAMES ROBBINS
Eatonown

Vote yes for Hazlet

Hazlet’s school budget is here again and it’s time to vote on it. There are many segments of our community who have their own reasons to automatically vote no. However, if I ask, at what price and who is going to be hurt? In the long run, everybody will lose.

All parents want a “better life” for their children — that is the American dream. Past generations have always sacrificed and taken care of the next generation. Now it is our turn.

Look at the world today and see where America stands compared to other countries. It is not a favorable position we find ourselves in. That is one reason our children in Hazlet need the best educational foundation to build on, if they are to seek higher degrees.

I believe that “education” is the only answer for our children to be able to compete in the high-tech world of today and tomorrow.

Sure, there are monetary reasons to vote no — short-term gains. But in the long run, it is really financial suicide.

If our children cannot compete for the best occupations available worldwide, they are going to qualify for jobs at the lower end of the pay scale.

If our children do not receive top pay, they do not pay top-dollar Social Security taxes. If this happens, where do you think the money is going to come from when you retire and expect to receive your Social Security checks?

There also comes a time in everyone’s life where we must sell our homes. One of the first things people with children want to know is “How are the schools?” When they find out that Hazlet schools are inadequate, they will look elsewhere. Homeowners will not receive top dollar for their homes. The situation in both scenarios is, either we pay now or unfortunately, we all pay later—that is the bottom line.

This year’s school budget is one of the most reasonable I have seen in the 26 years I have lived in Hazlet. I ask you to please vote yes on Hazlet’s school budget on Tuesday.

WES PIERSIEN
Hazlet

Rotary gives thanks

The Matawan Rotary Club has just completed its third, extremely successful “Food For Thought” grocery drive. These drives were held during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays and on Valentine’s Day. Chairman Don Gahn would like to thank the people of the community, the Grand Union and ShopRite supermarkets in Aberdeen for their generous cooperation, and the Matawan Rotarians who gave of their time during these busy holidays.

Donations included cash, canned and dry goods, whole turkeys, canned hams and one teddy bear. About 10,000 items were collected.

Don conducted these drives and personally distributed these funds to local church pantries and non-profit organizations in the Matawan, Aberdeen, Cliffwood and Keansburg areas. He was also responsible for distribution of foods collected by the United Jersey Bank in the local area.

Many letters have been received from these organizations which expressed their gratefulness during these difficult times.

JEFF DONOHUE
Public Relations Director
Matawan Rotary Club
POTTER'S FOLLY: marvel of manpower

By Marilyn Duff

The massive brick house at 177 Main St. still carries the name of its original owner — but in an unlikely way. Built around 1836 by S. Potter, the Greek Revival mansion is known locally as Potter's Folly.

According to the current owner, Potter, a lumber merchant from New York about whom little else is known, apparently poured so much money into his showplace that he went broke — hence, the derisive nickname.

When it was being constructed, the north wall fell over, which also may have contributed to the nickname, and a third speculation is that Potter may have been attempting to outdo a similar, but smaller house known as Cherry Hall, which was built around the same time a short distance down the street.

Nevertheless, Eugene McDonald, who acquired the house in 1984, considers it a marvel of manpower.

“It’s built like a rock,” he said.

McDonald, a lifelong Matawan resident and attorney, bought the house to preserve it, rather than live in it, and has converted it into offices.

He describes it as two giant boxes joined together by a classic Federal-style central hall, 7 to 8 feet wide, which runs the length of the house. Brick interior support walls on either side of the central hall extend all the way from the basement to the third floor forming one side of the boxes, and 2-foot-thick brick exterior walls form the other sides.

Everything is massive, McDonald said, from the timeworn 4-inch-thick original front door to the 6-inch-thick shutters which can turn the house into a mahogany stairwell — a rarity, said McDonald — with mahogany spindles interspersed with iron ones for rigidity.

One of the most interesting exterior features is the freeze band below the top cornice. Fashioned of wrought iron, it contains five open scrollwork and patterned grates which are actual windows — peekaboo windows, one might say.

The house also has a secret attic compartment, accessible through a trap door. Around the turn of the century, a bottle of good whiskey and a hatchet reportedly were found there.

McDonald believes the hatches may have been underground railroad site during the Civil War. Another interesting feature is the folding window shutters found on the first floor. They are operated by wall cranks and were identified by a previous owner as “Indian shutters,” intended, presumably, to protect against intrusions.

The house was owned briefly by William Parker, principal of Middletown Point (Glenwood Academy, a prestigious 19th-century Matawan school. Parker acquired the house in 1844, according to a 1936 Federal Writers Project, which provides a brief history of Matawan, including photographs and information on historic sites.

Parker, it says, boarded students at the house until the 1850s, when the house was acquired by Alfred B. Dayton. Dayton was a prominent physician.

The Dayton family kept the house until 1907, when it was purchased by Hazekiah Warne as a wedding gift for his daughter, Emily Voorhees. Warne was a direct descendant of early Matawan settler Thomas Warne.

Voorhees lived in the house until her death in 1951. Her daughter, Helen E., lived there her entire life, continuing to reside there with her husband, Phillip L. Neidlinger. After her death in 1960, Neidlinger remarried and remained at the house until 1984.

Thus, the house has had but two major owners, the Dayton family for the latter half of the 19th century and the Voorhees-Neidlinger family for most of this century.

During an undated period the Dayton ownership, the house was rented as a private summer boarding house by a Miss Hovey. A fancy, wedding-type invitation, which is in McDonald's possession, advertises suites or single rooms in the "decorationally and attractive" Dayton House for $6 to $10 including meals.

Amenities advertised included shady lawns, large gardens, stables, fresh clams, fruits and vegetables ... and no malaria. Crabbing and rowing are available, it says, adding it is just one hour from New York by the Long Branch Railroad, which offers 18 trains daily, or can be reached by the steamer "Minnie Cornell," which docks on Vessey Street in lower Manhattan.

Dayton's son, Rensalle A. W., owned the house in the latter part of the 19th century, was for many years Matawan's postmaster, according to Franklin Ellis "History of Monmouth County."

The house is eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Sites either individually or as part of Matawan's historic Main Street District.

LETTERS

Miscreants unforgiven

The furor that is welling up in the American breast is due to the rapidity of disclosures being made against elected officials. Compounding that disgrace, along with our fuming at the waste of resources, is the greater worries the matter; the average voter conceives of himself losing his rug on the economic ladder, while it appears the elected officials who allegedly represent these voters act like schoolboys at play.

Throughout much of the history of Congress, that the elected officials are elitist and feathering their own nests while lazing at the public at large. Suddenly, insurgency is the new watchword, and hitting the establishment is the new political policy.

"Damage control," by the accused members of both parties will not hold back the continued tidal wave of displeasure. No matter what the miscreants say, the fact remains that the public will not forgive! Public money was involved in the necessary administrative costs to cover the "float" to prevent defaults. The real question is, how can you expect these officials to scrutinize and run the federal government if they can't handle their own purse strings?

What special perks does the Senate have? Do they have their own bank? Congress people have numerous perks, from free postage, subsidized haircuts and health-care and service-connected hospitals to elaborate pension plans, low-cost cafeteria prices and subsidized airplane fares on military transports. How many members of the public are aware that Congressional members have access to $30,000 in expense money from American embassies around the world? This money does not have to be accounted for and may not even be taxable.

My Aberdeen friends can rest assured that none of these benefits are on our local level. Councilmen get paid a small stipend biweekly and there are no expense accounts or pensions.

Aberdeen has no freebies. When I took office initially in the mid-'70s, the council was not even in session pastes or race-track admission tickets. It was not a question of being compromised, but even the smallest perk is a perception.

It is time to review all the perks and have them disclosed to the voters. Public officials should not be able to give themselves benefits without disclosing them to the public.

RICHARD WOLFE

Check scandal draws criticalism

It was recently revealed that many congressmen had written overdraft checks as many as several hundred — on their accounts at the U.S. House of Representatives bank. What do think of the check-bouncing scandal?

Rocco Dinardo, HAZLET: That’s terrible. This is a disgrace for the country. If you or I did it, they’d throw the key away. What kind of people do we have representing us?

Chris Smith, congresswoman, 9th Dist.-

ect, no bounced checks, in a March 11 statement. To do otherwise (than disclose all charges) would be denying the American people the full story. If all the information is released, the American people will be able to decide which members of Congress abused their privileges at the House bank opposed to those members who just may have used more than their fair share.

Releasing only the top 24 offenders leads one to ask who is No. 25 and why were only the top 24 offenders singled out for disclosure? If the bank was controlled by the House Democratic leadership there was little (1) or anyone outside this inner circle could do.

Mary Detwiler, MIDDLETOWN: I think it’s a shame. If I don’t bounce any checks, I don’t see why they have to.

Frank Pallone, congressman, D-3rd Dist. also bounced checks in a March 27 statement. I believe that one of the reasons why the public has lost faith in Congress is the system of privileges and perks that is far beyond what most people have available to them. The American public wants Congress to have the resources that are necessary to do the work that they were elected to do — and nothing more. I am a co-sponsor of a measure that would repair and prohibit exemptions, privileges and gratuities for members and集成电路. This bill would eliminate those perks that are, at best, unnecessary and, at worst, highly improper. The example of Congressional perks that has received the most widespread attention is the new-defunct House Bank. Last fall, I voted in favor of full closure of all those who have overdrawn their accounts.

Joe Spanoio, HOLMDEL: What do I think of it? I guess I think that the Congress of the United States is in a position to hold to the people to a certain standard, and they should be held to the same standards themselves. If a public standard is set, I think it’s probably somewhat worse than we’ve been told.

Bernard Dwyer, congressman, D-6th Dist.-No response.

Dr. Katherine Wong, acting principal, Ledgewood School, LEDGEWOOD: I just feel that our government leaders really should set an example for our children and the citizens of our country. If we as citizens can’t see why government leaders have that type of privilege? Government leaders should set an example for the country.

Shirley Hammond, former deputy mayor, HELDDEL: I think it’s a disgrace. The congressmen involved have a total disregard for their responsibilities. If this is an example of the integrity of our public officials, then they are going to have to clean up their act. It’s a disgrace. If they don’t know what their own money, what makes them think they will be able to spend our money? This is hypocrisy at its worst.

Joan Schmitz, Assemblyman member, HAZLET: I think it’s absolutely atrocious. I don’t expect this from elected people. I really think that the one that takes graft, cheats or steals should not be in politics. If you’re in politics, you shouldn’t be living like this. If this scandal turns out to be the case where money has been repaired someplace, You would expect them to know better. These congressmen from other states who bounced 600 or 900 checks — that’s utterly ridiculous. Some of the excuses they gave were like those you would expect from school kids. My accountant did it, my wife did it.
Over-hill gang loves to win

My Sunday-morning tennis league has divided into two camps this year.
In one camp is the over-the-hill gang, a group of us who have played against each other for the better part of two decades.
In the other are the newer members of the league. They are younger than our sorts, and they have played the game since they were old enough to hold a racquet.
We older league members did not take up tennis until later in life, and despite thousands of dollars invested in lessons, our form is less than classic.
In our minds, however, our strokes match those of the best players. We remember the greatest shots of our careers and are convinced that they are part of our repertoire. If we cannot duplicate those shots, it's because we are having an off day.
"My forehand just wasn't working today," I told one of my friends the other day, by way of explaining why I had lost a match.
What I really was saying was that I could not hit a cross-court topspin winner that somehow had come off my racquet during a match in 1983. I have never duplicated that shot in the nine years that have elapsed since I hit it, but in my mind I own it.
By the same token, when I think of my backhand, I see a down-the-line passing shot that I hit in 1985. In my mind's eye, I volley as well as I did during a 1981 match when I couldn't miss anything.
The fact that I can't duplicate these performances of the past tells me nothing; except perhaps that I'm getting older.
The kids hit these shots all the time. Their form is nearly perfect - the result of being started at a young age and learning their strokes correctly before they had an opportunity to acquire bad habits.
They hit the ball hard, and they are fast enough to return shots that my contemporaries would never reach. Worse, they do not get tired. For we older league members, to play these kids is to measure how much age has diminished our skills and how far our bodies have deteriorated.
Our weapons against the kids are patience and smart. They want to hit a winner on every shot, we are content just to get the ball back over the net until they make a mistake. They hit every shot as hard as they can, with no thought given to the opponent's weaknesses or strengths; we are probing their weaknesses, seeking a strategy that will overcome the age difference.
And we stick together. Several weeks ago, I was preparing to play the kid who is the best player in the league, a friend approached me.
"Keep the ball on his forehand," the friend said. "If you hit two consecutive shots to his backhand, you will lose the point."

The strategy worked. I won the match. The next week, I passed on the advice to another friend. And, too, defeated the player. The kid has not beaten an old guy since.
Each of his opponents during that losing streak has rejoiced not in vanquishing the league's best player, but in holding off Father Time for a few hours.
Part of the joy of victory is the look of disbelief on the kid's face, the astonishment that he is losing to the old guy across the net.
The score is not even mentioned in reporting the win. It isn't. "I won, 6-4, 6-3." It is, "I beat a 24-year-old kid today."

Over-hill gang loves to win

YESTERYEAR

100 YEARS AGO
Matwan schools are being forced to use textbooks that are 100 years old. The pages are frayed and the information is outdated. Although the students are complaining, schoolmasters are using the example of Abraham Lincoln, who was even more deprived, as a noble example. There is no money in the funds to purchase books this year. Next year should be a little rosier - the static may begin to help finance public education.

75 YEARS AGO
Raritan Township, in a hotly debated referendum Tuesday, elected to annex the western section of Keansburg from Middletown Township, calling it West Keansburg. Keansburg is expected to separate later this year from Middletown, just as Keyport did from Raritan about nine years ago. Residents of Raritan's Union Beach section strongly supported the move, while those in the more rural areas around Bethany and the Hazlet Railroad Station and Centerville opposed it. Union Beach eventually separated from Raritan, and to get even with its deserting bayfront sections, Raritan changed its name to Hazlet. West Keansburg is still attached, but slightly afloat; for in recent years, longtime residents have been threatening to remove and widen the creek that runs through the town. The town is three miles from the highway to the middle of town. "It was as they lived there," said one old-timer, "the truck driver, who was not injured, stared in disbelief at the migrating chickens, and made a mental note to bring up the incident at the next Township Committee meeting.

Editor's note: Today's Yesteryear was compiled without benefit of microfilm, bound volumes of old newspapers or facts. It's our little April Fool's joke on our readers. Enjoy.
By the time I arrived at the Hazlet Train Station Friday, four early commuter trains already had pulled out. It was 7 a.m.

I had missed the 5:15, 6:03, 6:08 and 6:30. As I pulled into a parking spot right next to the station, the 6:58 was pulling out and yet to come were the 7:04, 7:21, 7:34 and 7:58. These were the options if you wanted to reach Manhattan or stop in between before the close of the morning rush hour.

Initially, I had planned to be at the station Thursday morning, but despite setting my alarm clock for 6 a.m., I could not motivate myself to get out of bed. After all, like most reporters, I’m a night person. Our photographer missed the Thursday morning shot, too, making me feel a little better.

I skipped the 5:15 train, telling myself no one in their right mind would be up and about that early. I also figured commuters starting work at 9 a.m. would not likely be on their way until at least 7 — two hours in advance.

It turned out I was dead wrong.

It was a relatively mild day, but the weather penetrated the partially enclosed waiting area, making me feel decidedly sorry for commuters on less friendly days.

The uniform of the day was beige trench-coat, briefcase, and for many, an accompanying cup, presumably filled with coffee to help keep their eyelids in the right position.

Most of the commuters were men, but there were a few women, dressed much like their male counterparts, except for the color of their clothing, even down to wearing flat shoes, which I guessed they would change when they arrived at their destinations.

Most of the 7:34 commuters had their timing down so pat they arrived shortly before the train pulled in and disappeared quickly as the silvery train roared northward. I only saw one person make a run for it, although a couple looked like they had to struggle to arrive on time — one wearing a dress shirt and suspenders dragged his suitcase behind him despite the cold morning air. Another had his tie strung at an odd angle around his neck, saving the manly knot for later.

In between trains, the station was empty save for one scrappy-looking person waiting for a southbound train. Judging by the number of cars already parked at the station when I arrived, it was clear the great majority of commuters had made me to the station.

A l Cranwell of Hazlet, who for the first time ever was catching the 7:58, confirmed that. A securities broker, he said he usually got the 6:30 train, calling that the busiest. After switching at Newark to the PATH subway, he arrives at his office at 8 a.m. and generally returns home at 6:30 p.m., a 12-hour day, station to station. Despite the long hours, he said the train is the best way to travel. It’s less cramped than buses, he said. One woman disagreed.

Calling the cost of commuting “just outrageous,” Barbara Cardosa, who also lives in Hazlet, just a few blocks from the station, said she normally takes the bus, saving about $11 a month.

That particular Friday she had gone as usual to the Academy bus stop on Route 35, but by 7:24 a.m., the bus still hadn’t shown up, so she decided to catch the train.

A safety manager for a Jersey City trucking firm, she said she’d come the one-way train trip to Newark costs $6.10 vs. $2.35 for the bus.

“What’s amazing to me,” she continued, “is every year they raise the fare.” Asked why she doesn’t work locally to avoid the commute, she scoffed, saying, “Salaries down here are not anything I would accept.”

While I was talking with Cardosa, bunches of people seemed to have appeared magically along the long, narrow waiting area. Allegra Chappell of Holmdel was on her way to school at the Parsons School of Design at Seventh Avenue and 70th Street in Manhattan. She commutes four days a week and said she would be graduating this year, a year early. With so many students extending their college educations beyond the normal four-year period, I wondered to myself if maybe Manhattan is the place to send them.

Another woman who preferred not to give her name said she had been catching the 7:58 for about seven years and called it erratic. She arrives in midtown Manhattan a few minutes after 9. Working as a bookkeeper for a family-owned business, she is one of the lucky ones who gets to head home on the 3:52 train.

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Ten vie for four seats on Board of Education

Incumbent, write-in candidate run

By Lauren Jaeger

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of Education meetings, Frazier has a special

interest because his wife taught in the dis-

trict for 25 years before her retirement in

July, "Being financially responsible is my

priority," he said. "However, I don't think any-

thing could be cut from the present budget.

"I'm interested in seeing improvements in

the reading program in the lower grades," he

added. Frazier said he is father of three

grown children and seven grandchildren, one

of whom is in the school system.

"Field trips are important," said Frazier be-

cause I attend 90 percent of the meetings," he

said. "That would be a plus."
Officials react to decline in ninth-grade test scores

Students perform better in reading than in math, writing
By Lauren Jaeger

ABERDEEN — The 1991-92 state report card for the Matawan-Aberdeen School District shows a decline in the ninth-grade High School Proficiency Test scores from the previous year.

A total of 86.7 percent in the district passed the math test, less than the state average of 92.3 percent. The 1990-91 average for the district was also higher — 97.8 percent.

In reading, the students fared well, scoring 95 percent passing, against the state average of 97.5 percent passing.

But all categories show a significant increase from the 1985-86 scores — the year the test was introduced.

"It was a decline, the first time in five years," said Harriet Primack, director of curriculum. "Whenever you don't achieve at least last year's results, you get a sinking feeling. We say, 'What can we do?'"

"I don't know that I'm disappointed," said Sharon Alshbrook, director of testing. "We've seen a trend throughout the country, but this has been occurring here as well. But like everyone else, we wished it was not so."

Primack said the decline has to do with several factors. One point made is that the class sizes were larger, which had some impact against the individualized attention the student would receive in a smaller group.

"The students who do not achieve the state average are in Advanced Proficiency in skills. But last year, there was an increasing number of students passing the test," Primack added.

As a result, the extra emphasis on the skills that had not been focused upon last year.

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Figures show how district stacks up

The state report card for the Matawan-Aberdeen School District also revealed other statistics.

In Matawan-Aberdeen, 38 percent of the students go on to a four-year college after graduation, and 34 percent go on to a two-year college. The state figures are 47 percent and 34 percent, respectively.

In 1991-92, the district spent $8,376 per student. The state average is $7,884 per student.

"This is a high ratio of the proportion of experienced teachers with advanced degrees that are employed by our school district," said Dr. Kenneth D. Hall, superintendent of schools, in a letter he attached to the percent passing the math section.

In the district, 89.6 percent passed the writing test, less than the state average of 92.3 percent. The 1990-91 average for the district was also higher — 97.8 percent.

Even though the report card states that there are 13 students per staff member in the district, the average state staff member average is 23 staff members.

During the 1991-92 school year we reduced our staff by 44 positions. This is reflected in the report card since the comparison shown is for the 1990-91 school year, our ration would be higher than the state average in each category," said Hall.

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OK of budget will avert layoffs

By Lauren Jaeger

ABERDEEN — A total of 55 teachers, six cafeteria aides, three custodians, and 21 support staff were among those given notices that they might be laid off for the 1992-93 school year in the Matawan-Aberdeen School District if the budget is not passed by voters Tuesday.

"It is the worst case scenario," said Michael Klavon, deputy superintendent. "I can’t imagine that this would happen in my wild dreams."

Realistically, he said, only 20 to 30 would lose their jobs next if the budget is turned down and no help came from the state.

"If the budget is passed, all would be hired," said Klavon Monday night.

If everyone who was served notice was not hired, the savings would be well over $1 million, Klavon said.

It would be up to the board of education to decide what to do regarding who would actually not be hired.

Eight candidates, including two incumbents, are competing for three seats on the board.

Last year, Klavon pointed out, more than 120 staff members were given the notice that they might lose their job. In the end, only 44 lost their jobs.

"If we appointed everyone now and found out we had to make the reductions after the budget was turned down, there’d have to get three months’ salary because of the required 90-day notice," said Marilyn Brenner, board president.

The law requires that teachers be notified within three months that they are being laid off.

In a three-year period, the Matawan-Aberdeen School District lost $8 million in state aid due to the Quality Education Act.

The $35,812,627 1992-93 budget was finalized after cutting about $1 million of extras, including class trips, two and a half teaching positions, the basic skills summer school and capital outlay.

Only a severe reduction in staff would mean a zero percent tax increase, since the current budget is 80 percent salaries and benefits.

NEWS BRIEFS

A candidates’ forum will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lloyd Road School Auditorium, Matawan-Aberdeen Regional Board of Education candidates will speak.

The event is sponsored by the school district.

Temple Shalom will honor religious school director Ruth Birnbaum of Morganville on Friday for 18 years of service. The occasion marks the presentation of a certificate of accreditation to the Reform congregation’s school by the National Association of American Hebrew Congregations.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. in the temple’s social hall and will be followed by the service at 8 p.m. The cost of the dinner is $14 for adults and $10 for children under 10. For reservations, call 566-2621.

Eight Aberdeen girls from the Monmouth County Girls’ Troop 403 will join American Legion Auxiliary Unit 46 in hosting a bingo party for residents of the New Jersey Memorial Home for compel Sailors, Sailors and Marines at Menlo Park on Saturday, Tanaw Walling, Lisa Trivisono, Katherine Smith, Marcia Adey, Betty McNeil, Alexis Strozak and Kelly McGrath have spent 36 hours baking cakes and cookies and making favors for the event. Mrs. Betty Trivisono and Mrs. Anna Anzano are the coordinators for the Scout Troop and the auxiliary.

Kindergarten registration to begin

ABERDEEN — Kindergarten registration for the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District has been scheduled as follows:

9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Thursday at the Lloyd Road Elementary School.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Monday at the Kinnelon Elementary School.

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and noon to 2 p.m. Thursday at the Clifton Elementary School.

9:15 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. April 20 at the Strathmore Elementary School.

Children who have reached the age of 5 on or before Oct. 1 are eligible to enter kindergarten in September. Proof of age, residency and immunization against diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, polio, mumps, measles and rubella, along with evidence of a current tuberculous test, are required for the child to be enrolled. Parents may obtain the necessary forms from the principal’s office or the above schools prior to the registration dates.

Temple, church hold annual Seder

ABERDEEN — Temple Shalom will host its annual “Gussie Bell Memorial Seder of Understanding” this Sunday with the Trinity Episcopal Church.

The congregations and their spiritual leaders, Rabbi Henry M. Weiner of Temple Shalom and the Rev. Susan Blue, will join together at the temple, located on Ayrmont Lane and Church Street, to partake in the “Last Supper Seder.”

The event is done in keeping with the temple’s custom of inviting guests to the Passover meal. Also, it is part of the Reform congregation’s ongoing effort to build bridges of understanding between Christians and Jews.

The event will fall April 18, commemorates the flight of the Jews from Egypt, their wanderings in the desert and the destruction of the Second Temple.

A Seder, with all of its symbolism and traditions, will be shared and explained. There will be special emphasis given to illustrate the parallels between the Jewish and Christian faiths. Also to be discussed is the relationship of the Seder to the roots of Christian ceremonies. For more information, call the temple at 566-2621.
HAZLET

Hazlet to introduce budget
Committee eyes capital projects
By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — The Township Committee plans to introduce the 1992 municipal budget at a special meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. April 14. A final workshop on the budget will take place at 7 p.m. April 10.

At last week’s workshop, Municipal Administrator Jerome Cevetello said the state has advised Hazlet to plug in the state funding figures as last year, adding that it “looks positive.” Previously, when asked about the budget introduction, Cevetello said that it was being held up because state funding figures were delayed. At that time, approximately two weeks ago, he said only about 100 state municipalities had gotten their figures.

Concerning the revenue side of the budget in general, Cevetello said, it looked very positive, while on the expense side, the biggest thing is salaries.

Cevetello explained that collection of delinquent taxes is up substantially and that the tax collection rate “doesn’t look like it will change at all.” When the tax collection rate goes down, the reserve for uncollected taxes rises. The 1990 rate, used to figure last year’s budget, was 96.32 percent, down from 97.78 percent the prior year. As a result, the reserve had to be increased by $359,280.

Last year’s tax rate was originally set at 69 cents per $100 of assessed valuation, but fell to 60 cents (a 1-cent reduction over 1990) with the influx of extra discretionary state funding shifted from schools.

At its March 3 pre-meeting workshop, the committee discussed a number of possible capital improvements, all of which Cevetello later said would be funded through left over capital-project money. Some of the projects were previously funded, but never done.

The capital budget items being considered and their estimated costs are:

- $550,000 for continued road improvements.
- $300,000 for replacement of the library roof. The roof is about 18 years old and two contractors have said it needs replacement, according to Cevetello.
- $17,000 to microfilm police records.

This money was previously set aside to comply with a state mandate to maintain police records indefinitely, Cevetello said. A previous plan failed to meet state standards and the state did not approve it. He said that it would be cheaper to put the job out to bid, even though the department has its own equipment, purged annually, for 10 years.

- $15,000 for a 911 emergency telephone system. This is also a state mandate. Cevetello said it would be cheaper for the township to have its own telephone system rather than using a county system, a second option:

- an estimated $9,000 each for heating/ventilating systems at the library and the Office of Emergency Management. Upstairs offices at the OEM building are not heated, only the first-floor bays, Cevetello said.

- $10,000 for a pickup truck and plow for the Recreation Deputy.

The committee is also considering a balancing machine which would be used for plastics recycling, and the Police Department is requesting eight replacement cars.

All of the figures are based on preliminary estimates. Cevetello said, and the list is based on priority requests from department heads.

IFF gets Good Neighbor award

HAZLET — Thanks to a nomination by the township, International Flavors & Fragrances Inc. has been selected as one of 12 winners in a prestigious, statewide awards competition for new construction projects.

The New Jersey Business and Industry Association's New Good Neighbor Awards Competition, now in its 32nd year, recognizes companies who have worked within a community to bring about an improved business climate in the state.

Municipal Administrator Jerome Cevetello Jr. cited IFF’s new Household Products Creative and Commercial Center, a dramatic-looking building which opened last year on Route 36, calling it a very positive addition to the community.

Cevetello said that the company has supported the community in other ways through contributions to the township’s July 4 fireworks display and to the Emergency Management Office. The donations are part of the company’s contributions budget in the Bayshore area, according to Antonette Brilliant, a public affairs spokesperson.

“IT is truly prestigious for IFF to be named a 1992 recipient,” said Ronald Fenn, vice president and area manager of North American Fragrances, about the award. Winners will be honored at a June luncheon and also featured in the June issue of New Jersey Business Magazine.

Besides economic benefit to the community, nominees are judged by an independent panel of judges on the beauty of buildings and grounds and involvement in local activities.

The winning projects, selected from 37 nominees and representing $1.4 billion in construction and more than 26,000 jobs statewide, range from a $2.7 million Elizabeth restoration project called 63 Jeff Associates to a new $100 million United Parcel Service facility in Mahwah. The $32 million Thomas H. Kean Aquarium in Camden was the recipient of an honorary New Good Neighbor Award. It was nominated by Gov. Jim Florio.

Entries can be submitted by municipal or county officials, local chambers of commerce or industrial development associations.

The new 43,000-square-foot IFF facility was completed in October. Because creativity is “the very heart of our business,” Fenn said the design of the new creative center had to be “reallly special and exciting.” The company, he said, is especially pleased to know the “community appreciates its involvement and dramatic appearance.”

Other award recipients include: American Ref-Fuel Co., for a new $340 million Essex County Resource Recovery facility in Newark; Anheuser-Busch, Inc., for a 250 million expansion and modernization of its Newark facility; Bristol-Myers Squibb Co., for a new North Brunswick facility; and the Governor Morris Hotel and Conference Center, Morristown, for a $4 million renovation.

Also, the McCarter Theatre Center for the Performing Arts, Princeton, for an $8.5 million renovation; the Newark Center for Commerce and Education, a phase one $60 million project. The Record, for its $100 million newspaper production facility in Rockaway Township; and the $45 million Whitewell Centre Corporate Plaza, Woodcliff Lakes.

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By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — It’s report card time, not for students, but for the district and the administration questions some of its grades.

Hazlet’s report card, released this month by the state Department of Education, has drawn criticism from the local administration in two specific areas: the percentage of administrators and the average annual rate of increase in per-pupil spending over the last four years. The first figure is inaccurate, according to Schools Superintendent Michael Cleffi, and the second, misleading.

Regarding the concept of a statewide report card on districts, Cleffi said, “It’s misleading because you can’t compare every district the same way.”

Overall, student performance is close to or above state averages. The rate of attendance is higher, 95.1 percent, compared to 93.7 for the region and 93.4 percent for the state. Cost per student is slightly lower, while the annual rate of increase is slightly more. Teacher salaries are also higher; however, so is the average number of years teachers have been with the district, putting them at the higher end of the salary scale.

Hazlet has a rate of teacher tenure of 34 percent above the average for regional districts supporting similar grade levels and 40 percent above the state average for similar districts. At the same time, Hazlet ranks in the bottom 20 to 30 percent of all New Jersey districts in community wealth, a combination of property value and personal income.

Cleffi said the community is very poor in situates and that’s what affects the tax rate.

Concerning an 8.5 percent average annual rate of increase in per-pupil spending over four years, Cleffi said that is “really misleading,” since Hazlet had an unusually high increase in 1990-91, the first year of which the district’s spending appears higher than it really is. The district has had to put a little money dollars into its buildings in order to pass state monitoring. If it hadn’t, Cleffi said the cost of putting on an increase of two percent to the regional increase was 7.7 percent and the statewide increase, 8.1 percent. Both are for districts with above state average spending per pupil.

Despite the higher rate of increase, Hazlet’s expenditure per student is lower, $7,424, than that of the region and state for the same four-year period. Hazlet’s current-year spending per pupil, excluding pension costs, is $7,447, compared to $7,879 for the region and $7,884 for the state.

While the spending is lower, the pension cost, available only for the current year, is higher, $939, compared to $820 for the region and $833 for the state.

The four-page report card, printed in newsletter form, was started under Gov. Thomas Kean to establish accountability and encourage parent and community involvement in education.

Data compares Hazlet with the central region of counties, Hunterdon, Mercer, Middlesex, Ocean, Somerset and Union, and to the state in three areas: finance, staff and attendance, and performance. Regional financial data comparisons are with similar districts, while performance comparisons are with all districts.

In performance, 83 percent of Hazlet ninth-graders last year passed all three subjects on the High School Proficiency test, compared to 82.1 percent statewide. Of 1991 graduates, 75.5 percent intended to attend some form of higher education, 36 percent at four-year colleges, 36 percent at two-year, and remainder in other post-secondary schools.

76 percent of teachers planned to continue their education, 47.6 percent at four-year colleges and 27.2 percent at two-year schools.

Hazlet’s SAT scores for the class of 1991 just missed state averages, with 447 in math compared to 446 statewide, and 417 in verbal, compared to 417 statewide, or a total of 883 compared to the state’s 886.

The final performance measurement, graduation rate, shows that 87.5 percent of the incoming freshman class in 1987-88 graduated four years later. The report card states the method used can produce artificially high or low percentages, and Cleffi says in Hazlet’s case, it is low.

Hazlet’s educational spending, currently 91.1 percent, said Cleffi, since of the 275 starting freshmen, 33 moved out of the district and only 23 graduated, in addition to the 220 who graduated in June, he notes that another 10 graduated during the summer. The district is coppered of 6 percent non-certificated administrators, 66.6 percent teachers, 7.9 percent educational support services (non-certificated aides, secretaries, bus drivers and food service personnel). The region has 4.7 percent administrators, 55.2 percent teachers, 7.9 percent education services, and 32.2 percent non-certificated.

Cleffi said Hazlet’s administrator percentage is inaccurate. He believes supervisors are included in the district’s figure and not in others based on a data sheet the state sent in the fall to check for discrepancies.

The sheet shows Hazlet with 6 percent, the region with 5.7 percent, and the state with 5.9 percent, much closer than the recently issued report card shows.

Hazlet has 20 administrators; the superintendent, one assistant superintendent; assistant directors of elementary education, guidance, special services and special projects; eight building principals and one assistant principal; and five supervisors. The figures do not include the board secretarial-business administrator.

When student/staff ratios are compared, the picture changes. Hazlet, for the same year, had 143.8 students per administrator, compared to 154 statewide; 13 students per administrator, compared to 13.7 statewide; and 44.6 students per non-certificated staff member, compared to 23.4 statewide. Regional figures are similar to the state.

The final comparison is salaries. Hazlet’s average salary for a teacher with a master’s degree is $48,000 compared to $35,787 statewide, and $35,404 for the region; and $44,844 for the average teacher with a master’s degree, compared to $44,756 statewide and $43,309 for the region. Hazlet’s average experience in years is 19 vs. 16 for the state and region. Hazlet paid 80 percent of Hazlet’s staff at the top end of the salary scale, accounting for the higher average. Many have been with the district since the 1960s when it began a period of rapid growth.

By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — At next Tuesday’s school election, voters will be asked to approve a $14,934,208 current expense levy tax for the 1992-93 school year. The balance of the $27,613,975 current expense budget will be funded by the 1991-92 local levy and other revenue.

Voters will also be asked to select three of five candidates to fill three-year terms on the Board of Education.

Polls will be open from 2 to 9 p.m.

There are two incumbent candidates: Toni Casha, 20 Anapolis Drive, and Joseph Cooney, 35 Nevada Drive; and three new candidates: Linda K. Booher, 444 Halsey Road; Robert Fischer, 3 Indian Court; and Steven B. Herzberg, 12 Dunhill Place.

If the levy is approved, the 1992 school tax will increase from $2,405 per $100 of assessed valuation to $2,449. Since the Hazlet School District operates on a calendar or January-to-December fiscal year, the 1992 school tax includes half of the 1991-92 local levy and half of the 1992-93 local levy.

Some districts operate on a July-to-June fiscal year.

The proposed 1992-93 budget, including debt service and capital outlay, totals $28,404,785. An $8,367,875 levy for the $740,805 debt service budget does not require voter approval. The $50,000 capital outlay levy is also fully funded by the state.

A "Candidates’ Night" held at 7 p.m. Friday at Cove Road School drew only 10 residents in addition to several current board members, and only three of the five candidates participated. Incumbent board member Cooney cited a personal conflict, and newcomer Herzberg could not reach.
KEYPORT

Four run for four seats
Candidates point to communication, standards as issues

By Christine Menapace

KEYPORT – Few surprises are expected in Tuesday's Board of Education election, since all seats are uncontested. Incumbents Joanne Staeger and Jane Jones and newcomer Patsy Allen are running for the three available three-year terms, and incumbent M. Elaine Aumack is running for an unexpired one-year term. Board member Kevin Gahm is not seeking re-election.

Also on the ballot will be a tax levy to support the 1992-93 school budget, which is responsible for a 5-cent increase in tax rates – $1.25 per $100 of assessed valuation. With the 1991-92 budget, residents were paying a tax rate of $1.25 per $100 of assessed valuation. For example, an owner of a house assessed at $150,000 would have paid $1,875 in school taxes. At the new rate of $1.30 per $100, the same homeowner would now pay $1,950, or an increase of $75.

The total budget is $10,489,087, up $560,945 from last year. Current expenses are to be voted on at $10,397,087, with the capital outlay portion valued at $92,000. School officials said the capital outlay will be used for roof repairs at the Keyport High School, estimated at $25,000; and $57,000 will go toward making the high school barrier-free for the handicapped.

Allen, 125 Main St., has lived in the borough for about 32 years and has three children, a 16-year-old and twin 15-year-olds. Employed full-time with the Office of Youth Ministries for the Diocese of Trenton, Allen is a member of the Keyport High School Booster Club and is secretary to the Keyport High School Mother's Club.

Allen said she chose to run this year because for many years, people looked after her welfare in the school district and then her children's, "Now it's my turn," she explained.

More and more opportunities are offered now to children in terms of subjects, vocational classes and computers, she said, which helps them find their own particular talent.

In terms of the budget, Allen said, it is important that every student gets the best opportunities for tax dollars spent. She admits the difficulty in balancing a budget and said it can be controversial, but feels, "What better place to put it (tax money) than in our future?"

Staeger, 428 Main St., has been a resident of the borough for 23 years and has two children, ages 18 and 15. A part-time employee with the Ja Ce Food Co., Bound Brook, Staeger also serves as secretary of the Keyport Youth Athletic League, is a member of the Mother's Club and a former coach of recreation basketball and baseball. She has been a member of the board for the past three years, with two years of audience experience before that, she emphasized.

Staeger said that when she ran for the board the first time, it was because she wanted to part of the team in "bringing the district into the future." She feels that an important accomplishment in the past few years has been the amount of curriculum changes to fit the diverse student body in Keyport.

In the next three years, Staeger said, she would like to see more communication between parents, staff and students, and that they should all concentrate on "learning how to talk to each other." She would especially like to see more parental involvement on the high school level.

In terms of the budget, Staeger said last year was a "rude awakening" that educated a lot of people on the budget process. This year, she said, "I think that we were more prepared, more realistic…administration got on the ball really early." Despite conflicting information from the state this year, she said the board strove forward anyway, "We were told certain numbers, we dealt with them…we didn't stray from that," she said.

Jones, 50 Beers St., has been a resident of the borough for more than 50 years and has five children and two granddaughters, both of whom attend the Keyport Central School. An alumna of the Mother's Club, she has been a member of the Board of Education since 1976, as president from 1979-83 and is currently the vice president.

Jones said she has seen many changes over the years and is very proud of Keyport's expanding curriculum. She feels that the most important thing schools can do is give children the background for a good education, "We have a good school and caring people," she commented.

Speaking of John Dumford's new position as schools superintendent, Jones said, "I think he's going to be excellent." She added that in the future, "I just want us to keep on doing what we're doing and get better at it."

Aumack, 52 Kearney St., has been a resident in the borough for 35 years and has six children and two grandchildren. A member of the Keyport Republican Club, the Hook and Ladder Auxiliary and the Mother's Club, Aumack served on the board from 1979-86 and was appointed again to the board in July.

Aumack said she feels it is important to give children an all-around education and train them to be leaders in the future. In the next few years, she said, she would like to see "that each and every child gets their education," from college-bound students to those who are more vocational-oriented. "I feel it is a very broad program and we need every aspect of it," she said.

The polls will be open from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Keyport Central School's all-purpose room.

CALENDAR

Today

Tri-City Umpires Association Cadet Training Program (men's fast ball), to be held at the Oceano Firehouse, Main Street, Oceano, 7 p.m. For further information, call Tri-City 24-hour tape at 888-2716.

Friday

A celebration of the 100th anniversary of the Keyport Literary Club, an affiliate of the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs, will be held at noon at the Reformed Church House, Elizabeth and Warren streets, Keyport.

Friday and Saturday

Rummage sale at the Calvary United Methodist Church, corner of Second and Third streets. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday

Giant Flea Market, indoors at St. Joseph's School, Maple Place. 150 dealers will participate. To reserve tables, call 566-1422.

Businessman wins honor

KEYPORT – James Carton, Bitter & Carton Insurance Agency, Keyport, has been chosen 1991 Person of the Year by the Keyport Chamber of Commerce.

A resident of Highlands with a wife and three children, Carton is most active in the Keyport Kiwanis – where he served as president in 1984 and 1991 – and in the Chamber of Commerce, where he served as president for two consecutive terms in 1990 and '91.

Carton is also active in many insurance organizations including the Monmouth County and National Associations of Independent Insurance Agents, the Professional Insurance Agents Association, and is an ACE member of the Service Corps of Retired Executives, which counsels business owners in a variety of areas.

Formerly active in the East Keansburg Fire Company and Middletown Township First Aid Squad, he served in most line positions through captain. He also served on the board of directors of the community YMCA in Red Bank, during which time he was chairman of the annual fund-raising drive for the Keyport, Matawan and Aberdeen areas.

Saying that he keeps two diaries, one at home and one at work, Carton commented on his busy lifestyle, "You just have to be very organized… I enjoy keeping busy."
MATAWAN — The borough will have to put an additional $30,000 into the municipal budget for the Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library, as well as hire a chief financial officer at an approximate salary of $10,000, according to Mayor Robert Shuey.

The borough council recently voted to raise the municipal budget that Shuey announced the state had notified the borough that it would not accept the budget in its current form because the borough had not received a majority vote at its first budget-introduction vote Feb. 18. Shuey said that the library and officer issues were also brought up by the state.

Originally, the council had voted to introduce the budget with three positive votes and two negative votes from Councilmen James Shea and Michael Kidzus. Shea then voted in favor of reintroducing the budget, saying, "I really have a problem with this budget but I'm not going to create a crisis in government." Newly appointed Councilwoman Marjorie Colley abstained.

Shuey said this is the third year in a row that the borough has had problems with the library budget. According to the state Legislature, Shuey said, the borough is required to allocate a certain amount of funds to the library each year based on population.

Last year, the library had agreed to take less than its mandated funding in order to help the borough; however, the state still rejected the budget and required the borough to allocate the full amount, Shuey said. He added that Matawan pays one-third of the total library budget and Aberdeen pays the remaining two-thirds.

Borough Auditor Stephen Gabey said that the library’s funding this year in Matawan’s budget is $148,365, up $30,000 from last year.

Shuey criticized the state and said that the library issue is a classic case of the state telling municipalities to cut expenses while mandating increases. Councilwoman Esther Rinear said, "When you’re mandated to do something you do it." She called the entire budget situation a "first-class mess."

Concerning the chief financial officer issue, Shuey said that the state told municipalities a few years ago that they would have to have a certified officer, and gave them until the end of this year to meet the requirement. At the time the borough first learned of the mandate, Borough Administrator Michael Piperno agreed to serve as the chief financial officer, and the borough authorized funds for Piperno to take the required classes, Shuey said.

However, Piperno never completed the classes, Shuey said, and as of Jan. 1 of this year, the state mandated that the chief financial officer must be completely certified. Now, Shuey said, the borough could face fines of $25 per day per council member, including the mayor, for every day the borough is without an officer.

At the council meeting, Piperno said he took three of the courses and passed them. A fourth course, he said, was only offered in Cape May. "If it was given anywhere in a 50-mile radius, it would have been no problem," he explained.

Shuey defended Piperno, saying Piperno felt that it was beyond the call of duty to travel to Cape May. Councilman John Shepherd asked Shuey, "If your job depended on it, would you travel three hours?"

According to Shuey, when Rinear—who serves as head of the Finance Committee—attempted to hire a chief financial officer temporarily, the borough was told by the state that the appointment must be for four years. The position is part-time and has a proposed salary of $10,000 per year.

The council then agreed to interview a proposed candidate for the position at the council’s workshop meeting Tuesday. The hearing on the municipal budget will take place April 21.

Charges against mayor dropped

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN — The conflict-of-interest and assault charges made by Councilman Michael Kidzus against Mayor Robert Shuey have been dropped by the prosecutor’s office, according to Monmouth County Prosecutor John Kaye.

According to Kaye, the assault charges were sent back to the Municipal Court with the recommendation that the matter be moved to another municipality. He said the prosecutor’s office would not be investigating the charges because the matter was not serious enough to warrant action at the county level.

Kaye said that the only reason the prosecutor’s office got involved was "to save the Police Department some grief." Chief of Police Carmen Messina had forwarded the assault complaint to the prosecutor’s office in order to avoid potential conflicts.

The conflict-of-interest charges will not be investigated, Kaye said, because after looking over the evidence, he saw no substance in the charges. "On its face, it’s not a conflict," he said.

Kidzus said he believes the charges were dropped because Kaye favors Republicans. Kidzus is a Democrat and Shuey is a Republican. "I think it stinks," Kidzus said. "That’s not his (Kaye’s) job, he’s supposed to represent everybody.

Kidzus said he has denied Shuey’s claims of wrongdoing.

Kaye denied the allegations, saying, "We never consider politics here."

Kidzus said he intends to pursue both charges, but will leave the decision up to his lawyer, John Pisciotta, of Donald F. Guida Esq., West Orange. Kidzus added that there is the possibility he might sue Shuey for damages.

Kidzus had charged Shuey with a conflict of interest regarding a Planning Board matter at the borough Council’s March 17 meeting. Shuey had voted in favor of an application from Carvel Ice Cream Corporation, represented by a personal friend, attorney Richard Schwartz, after he had stayed at Schwartz’s beach condominium.

Shuey had denied the allegations and pointed out that the applicant did not receive either of two variances it had requested from the Planning Board. The application had been unanimously approved Jan. 22.

Robert Bucco, borough engineer, had concurred with Shuey, saying that the final decision was made by two design waivers that he himself had recommended.

The assault charges stemmed from a conflict between Kidzus and Shuey after the council meeting. Angry words were exchanged and when Shuey walked into an adjacent room. Kidzus followed and Shuey slammed the door against him.

Shuey could not be reached for comment.
Longtime pastor celebrates 20th anniversary with church

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN — Feb. 13, 1972 was a day that brought the Rev. Joseph E. Butts full circle. A resident of Matawan since 1953, Butts was appointed pastor of the Second Baptist Church, a church he had grown up in during most of his life. Twenty years and many marriages, funerals and sermons later, Butts is celebrating his anniversary with the church, the longest continuous pastorate of any church in Matawan.

The only child of Mrs. Reasola Ford and the late Joseph Butts Sr., Butts came to Matawan from Norfolk, Va. He decided to become a pastor, he said, due to a “spiritual calling” and in 1965, settled into the Second Baptist Church, Long Branch, as associate pastor under the Rev. C.P. Williams for five years.

When Butts came back to Matawan in 1972, he was thrilled to be working in the church in which he had been baptized and licensed as a pastor. “I was their church son, more or less,” he said. “I knew the congregation on a first-name basis when I came back.”

Today, Butts has seen many generations grow up in the church, including his own family – his wife, Ruth, three children and four grandchildren. Butts’ congregation has grown to nearly 200 members, which he calls “a pretty close church family.” Its members, he said, come from all over the area, including Keyport, Shrewsbury, Red Bank and Long Branch.

Besides being a full-time dry cleaner with a business in West Long Branch, Butts has pastoral duties that keep him busy with funerals, marriages, education and visiting sick and elderly members of the church. Butts described his work as “generally observing the welfare of the flock” and added, “I like the diversity ... it’s never boring or limited.”

Butts said he doesn’t really have a favorite duty, but he especially enjoys preaching. In order to find things to preach about, he tries to “continuously be in study, meditation and reading,” he explained.

Being fed by the Holy Spirit and recognizing needs in the community and needs in the church helps him decide on what to preach, he added.

One of the oldest black churches in the area, the Second Baptist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary under Butts’ ministry and has prospered in other ways.

The mortgage has been paid, the interior of the church has been completely renovated, a steeple has been raised in memory of the late Roy Mancie, a trustee, and a new parsonage has been built, according to Alice Elmore, public relations director of the church.

Borough to get new generator

By Christine Menapace

MATAWAN — A new emergency generator will be installed soon at Borough Hall to ensure communications during emergencies.

Officials hope to prevent any crisis similar to the one on Feb. 20, which left the Police Department with only two phone lines and no Plectron system to contact the Fire Department or First Aid Squad.

According to Chief of Police Carmen Messina, the power at Borough Hall went off a little before 4 p.m. due to a problem with a transformer fuse on an electrical pole on Ravine Drive, and came back on at 6 p.m. Normally, the emergency generator is supposed to serve as a backup in these situations; however, Messina said, no one could get the generator to work.

As a result, the Police Department was left with only two phone lines and no Plectron system, which sends out alarms to both the Fire Department and First Aid Squad. Messina said. In order to alleviate the situation, he added, members of the Fire Department and First Aid Squad were standing by phone lines at their station houses so that they could be contacted in an emergency. Normally, response time is from 2 to 5 minutes for emergency calls, but it would have taken 20 minutes using phone lines, as the borough had to do for those few hours, he added.

According to Robert Bucco, senior project manager with Howard Schoor Engineering, the borough’s engineering firm, the generator situation was declared an emergency, so the borough did not have to go out to public bid for the new generator. Bucco said he submitted three quotes to the council, and the council awarded the contract to Freehold Electric, Freehold. Bucco said the cost of the generator is around $31,000, and the borough will also have work done relating to the electrical system in Borough Hall, which is currently wired in zones.

The new generator will have an automatic exerciser. Bucco said, which will automatically run periodicaly, to test the system. The borough will also be looking into hiring an emergency-generator maintenance person to oversee the borough’s 10 generators and check that each are in top shape, Bucco said. He added that he had no exact figures on the age of the previous generator, but said that it was very old.

CALENDAR

Today

Ecumenical Lenten service at First Presbyterian Church, Route 34, 8 p.m.
Lenten service at the First Baptist Church, 232 Main St., 7:30 p.m.

Sunday

“Antique Bottles,” the new spring exhibit, is on display at the Burrowes Mansion Museum, 94 Main St. Open to the public from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the first and third Sundays of the month.

Next Wednesday

Free rabies vaccination clinic at the Midway Hose Co., Washington Street.

Any dog or cat between 3 and 11 months of age must be revaccinated next year. Dogs must be on a leash, and cats must be in a proper carrier. Call Borough Hall for more information.

Wednesdays and Thursdays through Aug. 27

Huskies Wrestling Club for third-through 12th-graders will meet at Matawan Regional High School, Atlantic Avenue. Times will be scheduled according to age and grade. For additional information, call Art Perrie at 566-0154 or Bob Wernersback at 583-4088.

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School elections set for Tuesday

UNION BEACH — The polls will open at 2 p.m. and close at 9 p.m. for the annual school election Tuesday.

Running for the board of education are: Donald Shank, 518 Front Street; Carolyn LaBerta, 1110 High Street; Lorraine Meglow, 602 Edmunds Ave; Anna Genovese, 610 Front Street; John Burke, 106 Newark Street; Mark F. Eisdon, 704 Clark Avenue; and Adrienne Graff, 630 Lorrillard Avenue.

Voters will also be asked to approve a $2,807,661 tax levy for the school district’s operating budget, and $98,100 for capital outlay. The resultant tax rate of 98 cents per $100 of assessed value would represent an increase from last year’s budget, according to School Business Administrator Mary Lou Ackerman. Voters are asked to vote on the current expense outlay and the capital outlay separately.

The capital outlay is low, according to Ackerman, because the district is embarking on a plan to improve district facilities this year, using funds from the 1991-92 budget.

Last year, as in the past several years, the budget was rejected by voters, according to Ackerman.

Combined with state and federal aid, the total school budget for 1992-93 will be $9,773,408 if the levy is approved. If not, the budget will go to the borough council for review and possible cuts.

BRSA expansion may be a bargain

UNION BEACH — The Bayshore Regional Sewerage Authority may save a few million dollars on its ongoing expansion project.

The Atlas Construction Company submitted a low bid of $30,497,000 for the project Tuesday, according to BRSA Executive Director Gary Marshall.

Engineers had previously estimated the project’s cost at $34.2 million, Marshall said.

“These came in at over 10 percent below estimate,” Marshall said. “We’re real thrilled about that.”

Atlas was one of 10 companies whose bids were opened Tuesday. The high bid was about $41 million, Marshall said.

The BRSA is expected to begin construction within a couple of months.

The construction is expected to expand the sewage plant’s capacity from 8 million gallons per day to 16 million gallons per day.

It will permit the authority to offer more capacity in the area it now serves, as well as expand service to Aberdeen Township.

Aberdeen, which will construct pumping stations to connect with BRSA lines, is expected to begin using the BRSA plan in 18 months, Marshall said.

CALENDAR

Today

Tricky tray and cake sale by the American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Post #321, 526 Front St. $3 per person and additional tickets are 25 cents.

Friday

Chinese auction at the Union Beach Fire Co. #1, Union Avenue. 6:30 p.m. Cost, $3. For advance tickets, call 888-7536 or 739-4381.
Wilderness School teaches ways to enjoy environment

Non-profit group offers excursions throughout country

By Lauren Jaeger

Jon Young, director of the Wilderness School, Middletown, remembers when much of the Bayside area was a forest and a place of natural wonders.

"I was a skinny little kid and felt shy about getting involved in sports," Young, now 31, recalled. "Instead, the woods and nature became my friend."

Today, Young passes on his wealth of knowledge to hundreds of others through the non-profit school he founded in 1984.

Many of his students now reside on the properties where Young, as a child, would explore and learn. Of course, back then, those properties were scenic woods.

For instance, Young, who lived on Indian Creek Road in Holmdel, would walk through woods where Takolusa Drive is now and where the Country Woods development off Van Schoick Road was built. Often, he would follow the animal tracks or bird calls where the Beaud Ridge development now stands.

"I remember hearing one bird all of the time and always wanting to find the bird. It kept singing and always taunted me," he recalled. "There was a lot of adventure in looking for that bird."

Although Young never found the bird, he did find snapping turtles, frogs and other forms of wildlife. Eventually, with the guidance of an older, more experienced naturalist, Young became a tracking expert.

Today, Young's knowledge is so vast that he could tell many different aspects about the animal just by observing one paw print.

"I can tell what animal made that," he said, as he pointed to a dog's paw print in the earth. "I can see it's the back foot, and I can tell how fast he was running. You can also tell what mood the animal was in from the print."

The Wilderness School features several programs throughout the year. Almost all of the teaching is done in the outdoors, with some programs taking place in the high schools. Tracking is one of the fields Young teaches.

"Tracking is such an interdisciplinary stu-
dy," he said. "You learn about the weather, the ecology, the botany, mammalology, geology, and you need to understand the soil."

Almost every person Young encounters today has little or no experience with the wilderness. Most children, he explains, do not grow up close to nature.

When presenting slide shows to the high schools, Young discovers that most students cannot identify the most common of birds or trees — those that they see every day. The program, which has been presented to thousands, is called "We Have Met the Alien... It Is Us!" because of people's lack of knowledge about their own back yards.

Through Young's enthusiasm, however, attitudes may have changed.

"I try to develop naturalists so that they can speak for the environment," he said.

And through the Wilderness School, Young said, people suddenly experience a change of perspective.

"A lot of mainstream people are more aware of the beauty that surrounds them," he said.

"The work has also taken many kids away from drugs and alcohol," Young added. "We don't say away to them, or act as a father figure. But the natural high they get from the wilderness far surpasses anything else."

A staff of 22 runs the school. Nearly all are volunteers.

From April 19 to 26, a "Great Smoky Mountains Wilderness Quest" will be held, including a hike through the mountains of North Carolina, "with several days of workshops and experiences designed to speak to the soul and deepen our connections with ourselves, one another, and the earth," the brochure states. The cost of the week-long excursion is $350.

From May 26 to June 3, a trip including light hikes to mountain base camps to study the Yellowstone, the Tetons, the Sawtooths and short stops in the Badlands, Black Hills, and Bighorn areas will be offered, with a stop at the famous fiddler's convention in Indiana along the way. Cost is $1,495.

From June 13 to 21, "Primitive Living Skills" is offered. It includes a four-day workshop covering the basic skills to live off the land; building shelters and fires using only what is found in nature; making tools; harvesting plant fibers; and identifying and preparing wild edible foods. The cost of the excursion is $200.

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Monsignor grew with church

By Garry Wasko

MIDDLETOWN — According to Monsignor Robert T. Bulman, who is retiring after 52 years at St. Mary’s parish, he hasn’t really spent all that time at the same parish.

“My priest friends would ask me ‘Don’t you get sick and tired of the same place?’ and I would say ‘It’s not the same place—it changes every couple of years, so I never get bored,’” said Bulman, who will retire April 24 from his position as pastor.

Bulman explained that the changes in the parish have mirrored changes in the township as a whole since he arrived in 1940. He has seen St. Mary’s grow from a small rural parish with just a church and a small rectory into a bustling community which includes a grade school and Mater Dei High School.

“When I came, as a young man just out of the seminary, I was assigned to a ‘small country church,’ to assist the pastor who was ill,” the monsignor said. “The place couldn’t have been more rural at that time. I certainly didn’t think I would be there just about my entire life.”

After World War II, according to Bulman, the township grew from a farming community into the suburban metropolis it remains. The growth years of the ‘50s and ‘60s made it necessary for St. Mary’s to grow as well, and that growth was fostered by Bulman and the many parishioners who served the church.

During the early ‘50s, the church purchased 18 acres of farmland across the street from the Leonardville Avenue church and rectory to build an eight-room grammar school, intended to house 500 pupils. However, before the school even opened in 1954, that many pupils had already registered. So Bulman and his flock raised more money and built more classrooms.

Eventually, the grammar school enrollment grew to more than 1,300 pupils, and includes more than 50 classrooms, plus gymnasiums, offices and auditoriums. Today, St. Mary’s grade school provides a Catholic education to 800 pupils.

In 1963, the church purchased 34 more acres of farmland and began building Mater Dei High School, which has grown into one of Monmouth County’s leading Catholic secondary schools.

Bulman said his dedication to education has provided some of the highlights of his long career at St. Mary’s.

“Watching young people grow into adults is very gratifying indeed,” he said. “Many of our students have grown into doctors, lawyers, accountants and educators, as well as priests and nuns. I like to think the education they received here was a stepping stone for their success.”

The pupils at St. Mary’s paid tribute to their pastor March 25 with a surprise gathering in the school’s auditorium. Bulman had been asked to come over for a celebration of the parish’s 113th anniversary, but when he arrived, the pupils presented a surprised Bulman with a full program of entertainment honoring the monsignor.

The pupils, helped along by teachers and parents, presented Bulman with a special “This is Your Life” segment highlighting his long career.

“It was a very well-kept secret,” laughed Bulman. “I had no idea that they were up to anything. It was very touching.”

Bulman said he hasn’t decided what to do with himself after retirement, but he will probably serve an area parish on a part-time basis, with no administrative chores.

“The Lord has blessed me with an association with some of the finest people here at St. Mary’s one could ever know,” he said. “I will miss them, and will continue to do the Lord’s work.”
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HAZLE — Raritan High School seniors will have a one-of-a-kind ride April 27 in a one-of-a-kind car — a Dodge Drunk Driving Simulator which will enable them to experience, without consuming alcohol, the hazards of driving drunk.

The car is specially equipped so that as a sober driver manipulates it along a 150-by-200-foot obstacle course, its braking and steering mechanisms simulate the delayed reaction time of an intoxicated driver. The driving course contains various pop-up figures which the driver has to react to. The idea is show sober drivers how their reaction time to unexpected obstacles would be impaired if they had been drinking.

The event is being sponsored by the Ocean/Monmouth Chapter of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) in cooperation with Remsen Dodge, Route 35, and the Hazlet Police Department. The unique car was developed in 1988 by the Dodge Division of Chrysler Corp. and is touring the country as part of a "THINK ... Don't Drive and Drink" national campaign.

The whole idea, according to Remsen Straub, owner of Remsen Dodge, is to promote awareness of the dangers of drinking and driving, particularly among high school students.

Straub said it is very difficult to bring the Dodge simulator to an area and it will be here only one day. This is the only tour stop in the Ocean-Monmouth area and one of only four or five in the entire state. Straub said he applied about eight months ago, working together with MADD.

To promote the event, Straub has been displaying a mock car, lettered to look like the simulator, a Dodge Daytona ES, at various township locations. It was displayed at Hazlet police headquarters for a few weeks and will be moved around to different shopping centers, said Straub.

The entire senior class of Raritan High School, comprised of more than 200 students, will get a chance to ride in the Dodge Simulator through the obstacle course. Because of space requirements, Straub said it will be set up at an affiliate, Straub Motors Inc., Route 35 at Garden State Parkway Exit 117, Keyport, for most of April 27.

In addition to the Raritan students, he said representatives from other schools will be there, some to videotape the event. The Middletown Township Police Department also will videotape it, he said.

Half the Raritan High School senior class will participate in the demonstration beginning at 8:30 a.m. and the other half at 11:30 a.m. The students will be paired up, said Straub, with one operating the vehicle and the other riding in the back seat. Those operating the vehicle will be required to have a valid driver's license.

Someone from Chrysler's Dodge Division will ride in the front passenger seat with the student and program the computer to the driver's weight and a selected number of drinks. The car is equipped with delay valves on the steering and braking systems which are linked to the computer, explained Straub.

When the students are finished, Straub said his employees will have an opportunity to drive the car. State, county and local officials are being invited to attend, as well as representatives from various professional sports teams, according to Eileen Verbeke, executive director of the Monmouth-Ocean MADD chapter. "We're excited about this event," said Verbeke.

The tour is produced and sponsored by Dodge and presented by MADD, a nationwide organization established in 1980, with support from the U.S. Department of Transportation and National Association of Broadcasters. To date, according to Verbeke, the simulator has visited more than 60 cities throughout the country and appeared on national television, including the "Good Morning America," "Today," and "48 Hours" programs.

Verbeke said the chapter has waited for three years for the coming visit. "We are very pleased that our area is a part of the tour this year," she said, thanking Straub and Hazlet Patrolman Mark Bruther for their assistance in bringing it to the area.

Verbeke said the event will also kick off MADD's annual "Project Graduation" program at Monmouth and Ocean County high schools. That program promotes alcohol- and drug-free graduation celebrations.
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Saturday

"His Sweatshirt," intermediate workshop, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m., Dorbrook Park, Route 537, Colts Neck. Fee: $15. For more information, call 842-4000.

"The Blacksmith and his Work," demonstration, noon-3 p.m., Longstreet Farm, Longstreet Road, Holmdel. Free. Children should be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call 842-4000.

Sunday

"The Shifting Sands of Sandy Hook," 2 p.m., Spermaceti Cove Visitor Center, Sandy Hook. For more information, call 872-0115.

"Pet Rabbits," program with David Compton and members of his 14 Carrot Rabbit 4-H Club, 2 p.m., Porcy Park, Oak Hill Road, Middletown. Free. For more information, call 842-0566.

Monmouth County Board of Recreation Commissioners meeting, 8 p.m., Boardroom of the Monmouth County Park System Administration Office, Thompson Park, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft.

SINGLES

Today

Parents Without Partners, Ocean City Chapter 25, weekly dance/social for singles parents, members only, 9 p.m.-midnight. Leisure Lounge, Route 70, Lakewood. Music by disc jockey Caroline. Orientation for new members, 8-9 p.m. Admission $3 members. For more information, call 270-0211.

Jersey Jewish Singles, "Dinner With Friends," ages 30-55, weekly 11:30 a.m., rear parking lot, Parkway Exit 120. Fee: $3 members, $4 non-members. For more information, call 774-6759.

Central Jersey Jewish Singles Social Support Group, offers a low-key atmosphere and easy conversation, 8 p.m., Sons of Israel, Gordons Corner Road, Manalapan. Fee: $2 members $3 non-members; includes refreshments. For more information, call 446-3117.

Single Faces, 12th anniversary dance party 9 p.m., Mayfair Farms, 481 Eagle Rock Ave., West Orange. Jackets required. For directions and more information, call 238-0972.

America's Most Wanted, Jewish singles, ages 28-49, volleyball, music and refreshments, 8 p.m. Grand Slam, 712 Ginesi Drive, Morganville. Admission $10. For directions, call 536-4900. For more information, call 536-0654, 613-0030 or 577-0971.

Good Time Singles, dance 8 p.m., Polish National Polonaise Room, 300 Roselle St., Linden. Dance lessons 8-9 p.m. Dressy attire. Admission $5. For directions, call 925-2544. For more information, call 469-3141.

Parents Without Partners Mid-Jersey Chapter 236, new membership orientation, 7:30 p.m. Membership fee required. Open dance 8 p.m., Quality Inn, Route 1 south, North Brunswick. Members with ID $6, guests $8. For more information, call 486-4490.

Parents Without Partners Ocean City Chapter 25, weekly dance. Single parent members only, 9 p.m.-1 a.m. Leisure Lounge, Route 70, Lakewood. Free buffet. Orientation for new members, 8-9 p.m. Cost: $5 members, $8 guests. For more information, call 270-0211.

Bassett Valley Single Hikers, meet weekly 11:30 a.m., rear parking lot, Holiday Inn, Tinton Falls. Local novice-level hikers. Fee: $5 per hike. Call 449-7827.

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**Tax Trimming Tips** for 1991-1992, free seminar, 7:30 p.m., Monmouth County Library Headquarters, 125 Symmes Drive, Manalapan.

**Today through April 18**

Spring Flower Festival, Woodbridge Center, Center Stage lower level, Routes 1 and 9. Featuring a display of more than 1,500 trees, plants, flowers, live birds and fish. Flower sale on last day of show to benefit the Woodbridge Emergency Squad. Hours: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mondays through Saturdays; 11 a.m.-3 p.m., Sundays. No charge.

**Thursday**

Manalapan High School Music Department, concert featuring solos and ensembles, 7:30 p.m., Manalapan High School, Church Lane. Admission is free.


Friday

"L'Avventura," film (1960), directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, 7 p.m., Room 100 Milledoler on Rutgers' College Avenue Campus. Subtitled in English. Tickets: $3 general admission; $2 Rutgers Film Co-op members. For more information, call 932-8482.

**Friday and Saturday**

Central Jersey African Violet Society, show and plant sale 3-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, First Presbyterian Church, Route 34, Matawan. Admission is free and public is invited.

**Friday, Saturday and Sunday**

Country Folk Art Show and Sale, Raritan Center Exposition Hall, Route 514, Edison. Hours: 5-9 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday. Admission: $6 Friday; $4 Saturday and Sunday; children 10 and under $2.

**Saturday**


**Sunday**

**Tack and Harness Swap and Sale** to benefit the Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization, Freehold Raceway, Route 9. Rain or shine 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Donation $10 for swappers and sellers. For more information, call 1-609-397-2547.

**Clark Stamp, Coin and Baseball Card Show,** 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Howard Johnson Motor Inn, 70 Central Ave., Clark, Garden State Parkway Exit 135. Admission and parking are free. For more information, call 247-1093.

"Giggles," a show for children ages 2-7, 12:30-2 p.m., Temple Beth Shalom, 108 Freehold Road, Manalapan. Admission: $2 children; $3 adults; proceeds to charity. Includes the play "Puss 'n Boots," a magic show and a sing-a-long. Performed by Manalapan High School Colorguard. Public is invited to attend. Admission $2. Free parking is available.

**Collectors Showcase**, baseball card and comic book show, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Ramada Inn, 2870 Route 35, Hazlet, Garden State Parkway Exit 117. Admission $2. Free parking is available. For more information, call 231-1632.

**Pancake Breakfast** with the Easter Bunny 7 a.m.-noon, Robertsville Firehouse, Route 520, Freehold Township. Sponsored by the Robertsville Volunteer Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary. Cost: $4 adults; $2.50 children. All you can eat.

**Spring Craft and Boutique Show**, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Freehold Township Independent Fire Company 1, Route 527 (Siloam Road), Smithburg. Sponsored by the FTIFC Ladies Auxiliary.

**Tuesday**

Composer Daniel Pinkham will visit Westminster Choir College, Hamilton Avenue and Walnut Lane, Princeton. Featuring 11 a.m. chapel service with Pinkham's music; noon master class for composition students; 3 p.m. lecture entitled, "Words to Music;" 8 p.m. concert of Pinkham's works, all in the Bristol Chapel. Public is invited to attend free of charge. For more information, call 1-800-621-2583.

**Next Wednesday**

"C++ Exception Planning," lecture with Bjane Stroustrup, member of technical staff, AT&T Bell Laboratories, 1 p.m., Wilson Auditorium, Wilson Hall, Monmouth College, West Long Branch, college administration center. Open to
Today
International Adoption League Inc., 56 Schank Road, Suite A-1, Freehold Township. Provides ongoing support for couples facing fertility problems and those seeking information on international adoption. Open weekdays, call 409-628-60, Evenings and weekends, call 780-1860.

SHARE, support group of parents who are grieving the death of an infant, 7-9 p.m., Room 208, Stanley Wing, Monmouth Medical Center, 300 Second Ave., Long Branch. For more information, call Lynne Frunzi 870-5199.

Cancer Survivors Support Group for patients, weekly meeting 6-7:30 p.m., The Cancer Institute of New Jersey Headquarters, 100 Albany St., New Brunswick. Also open to family members. For more information, call 937-8940.

GOAL (Get Out And Live) group for people suffering from panic attacks, anxieties and phobias, 7 p.m., Manalapan Library, Symmes Drive; call 972-0552 or 780-8904.

Grieving support group, weekly meeting, 9:30 a.m., Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. For those coping with the loss of a loved one. For more information, call 370-7436.

Support group for the critically ill, weekly meeting, 5 p.m., Kimball Medical Center, Lakewood. For families and friends of loved ones who are critically ill. For more information, call 370-7436.

Thursday
Post Mastectomy/Post Lymphectomy Support Group, meeting 7-30 p.m., Oncology Office, 3rd floor East Wing, Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. For more information, call 530-2382.

Overcomers Outreach, a biblical, Christian, 12-step recovery program, weekly meeting 8:30 p.m., Jackson Baptist Church, 40 Bennett's Mills Road, Jackson. Open to those recovering from addition, dependencies, and dysfunctional family upbringing. For more information, call 928-0080.

Nicotine Anonymous, weekly self-help group for anyone who wants to stop smoking. 8 p.m., Ocean Fitness Center, Route 35 south and Deal Road, Ocean Township. Free and open to public. Call 389-8239.

Finding the Balance, family caregivers' support group, weekly meeting 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Hospice/Oncology Department, CentraState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144 or 577-1076.

Living With a Serious Illness, weekly meeting 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Hospice/Oncology Department, CentraState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144 or 577-1076.

Friday
Eating Disorders Anorexia/Bulimia Support Group, 7-30 p.m., Health Awareness Center, CentraState Medical Center, 65 Gibson Place, Freehold Township, for individuals, families and friends. For more information, call 462-8839.

Parents Anonymous of New Jersey, weekly meeting, 5-11 a.m., Red Bank Primary School Parent Resource Room, River Road, near Broad Street and East Bergen Place, Red Bank. Trained facilitators offer support and information. Membership is free and confidential. For more information, call 1-800-843-5437.

Living With Loss, bereavement group, weekly meeting 10:30 a.m. to noon, Hospice/Oncology Department, CentraState Medical Center, West Main Street, Freehold Township. Admission is free. Call 780-6144 or 577-1076.

Jews In Recovery, weekly meeting 7-30-8:30 p.m., Congregation B'Nai Tikvah, 1001 Fintegans Lane, North Brunswick. Topics or readings pertain to Judaism and recovery. Issues with reference to being Jewish and belonging to a 12-step recovery program will be covered. For more information, call 679-8450.

Monday
Monmouth Easy Breathers Group, meeting 1:30 p.m., Senior Citizens Activities Network, Monmouth Mall, Eatontown. For adults with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, emphysema, chronic asthma, asthma or bronchitis and their families. For more information, call Carol Katz 870-5118.

Saint James of Red Bank Separated and Divorced Group, 7-30-9 p.m., Red Bank Catholic High School, Broad Street. For more information, call 741-0500.

Tough Love, weekly meeting 8 p.m., First Unitarian Church, West Front Street, Lincroft. For parents dealing with teen-age behavior problems. For more information, call 566-9422.

Family Support Group, for family members of cancer patients, weekly meetings 7 p.m., St. Peter's Medical Center, New Brunswick. For more information, call Diana Roche, oncology social worker, 745-8600, Ext. 8782.

Divorced/Separated/Widowed Support Group, weekly meeting 7-30 p.m., Rectory of St. Veronica's Church, 4215 Route 9 south, Howell. For more information, call 679-6640, 387-1751 or 928-3893.

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Hearing-loss sufferers can turn to variety of aids

Hearing loss is the most common disability in the United States, affecting an estimated 35 million Americans to various degrees. Hearing loss is cumulative and insidious. Public-health research has shown that while hearing loss in not confined to the elderly, the prevalence of the condition markedly increases with age.

For instance, while only 1 to 5 percent of people under age 25 have hearing loss, 30 to 40 percent over 65 and more than 50 percent over age 80 have hearing loss.

Of the two types of hearing loss, conductive and sensorineural, the latter form is by far the most prevalent and the most devastating.

Conductive hearing loss – a disruption in the transfer of sound waves from the outer to the inner ear – most often affects children due to ear infections, allergies or an accumulation of wax in the ear.

Treatment for conductive hearing loss frequently results in an excellent return of hearing.

While some people are born with sensorineural hearing loss – caused either by damage to the sensitive hair cells of the inner ear or by damage to the auditory nerve – most develop the condition as a result of aging or because of chronic and excessive noise exposure, such as loud music or machinery.

Damage from noise starts at 85 decibels – about the level of traffic noise at an intersection. Chronic exposure to 85-decibel noise will cause sensorineural hearing loss.

Interestingly, a common problem in sensorineural hearing loss is not really a decline in the ability to hear, but in the ability to understand what is heard. The language function in the brain comprehends words by processing high-frequency, low-intensity sounds that come from consonants (B, C, D, etc.) rather than low-frequency, high-intensity vowel sounds (A, E, I, O, U) as most people believe.

The minimum threshold for whether sensorineural hearing loss is indicated is 25 decibels, about the level of a whisper (ordinary conversation is about 50 decibels). Consonants at this level are easily lost in even moderate background noise.

Therapy for mild or moderate hearing loss is aimed at eliminating the background noise and/or raising the intensity level of the consonants.

The most common ways to do this are with “assistive listening devices” (ALDs) or hearing aids. ALDs basically amplify sound, and often are used in churches and schools to improve acoustics and sound quality. Types of ALDs include telephone amplifiers, signaling devices and personal amplification systems.

The best-known hearing device is the standard hearing aid, which, like an ALD, just amplifies sound. A new aid gaining popularity is the digital hearing aid, which can be programmed specifically to patients’ needs so that they can achieve optimal hearing by extracting speech signals within four to 15 different noise environments. The cost of these aids ranges from $1,500 to $5,000. Unfortunately, only 25 percent of people with hearing loss have hearing aids because of the social stigma that such devices carry; thus, many people are choosing ALDs.

The cochlear implant is used only for the worst cases of hearing loss, when sounds at more than 120 decibels cannot be heard. This device is recommended for people who have cochlear damage in both ears, but whose other hearing components are intact.

The older implants contained just one electrode, which electrically stimulates the hearing nerve, but newer devices have up to 128 electrodes that produce higher-quality sound. Once in place, an audiologist works with the patient to “fine-tune” the implant for optimal hearing. This can take a few months.

Researchers recently identified a key gene for the most common type of inherited deafness – Waardenburg syndrome. Although related to one rare form of deafness, the discovery reveals for the first time the precise molecular error underlying this cause of congenital hearing loss.

Further work could lead to the development of the first effective medical treatments for congenital deafness.

This finding also could yield new insights into how genes are turned on and off during early development, since the culprit gene, when not mutated, apparently regulates the cells in the embryo that determine such features as facial structure and pigmentation of eyes, hair and skin.

Hearing loss and deafness may become even more prevalent, as the elderly population is growing quickly and because chronic noise exposure is a genuine public-health concern.

Article courtesy of Dr. John J. Starke, Bayshore Community Hospital.
**CALANDER**

**Today**
- Cholesterol screenings, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Health Fair Store, Monmouth Mall, Eatontown. Cost, $8.
- Diabetes screening, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Health Fair Store, Monmouth Mall, Eatontown. Free blood test.

**FridaY**
- "Vaginal Birth after Caesarean," educational program, 7:30-9 p.m., Health Fair Store, Monmouth Mall, Eatontown. Cost, $35. To register, call 870-5205.

**SundaY**
- OB Tour of Monmouth Medical Center’s Women’s Pavilion, including Alternative Birth Center, 1:30 p.m., MMC, 300 Second Ave., Long Branch. Tour is free. To register, call 870-5205.

**Monday**
- “Additive Personality” presentation exploring theories of addiction, 7:30-9 p.m., CentraState Medical Center, 145 Gibson Place, Freehold. Donation, $5.
- To register, call 308-1850.

**Monday and Next Wednesday**
- Pediatric CPR, 6-9 p.m., Health Fair Store, Monmouth Mall, Eatontown. Fee, $35 per person, $50 per couple. American Heart Association CPR. To register, call 870-5205.

**Monday and April 20 and 27**
- Body Fat Analysis Screening, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Health Awareness Center, Freehold Raceway Mall, Route 9, Free. For more information, call 308-0570 or 294-0011.

**Tuesday**
- "Medications and You," presented by Dr. Charles Miller, 7:30 p.m., Blaisdell Auditorium, Riverview Medical Center, Red Bank. To register, call 530-2528.

**Next Wednesday**
- Cholesterol screenings, 6-8 p.m., Health Awareness Center, Freehold Raceway Mall, Route 9. Fasting is not required, and no appointment is necessary. Fee, $8 per person, $5 for senior citizens. For more information, call 308-0570 or 294-0011.

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Tips can help campers deal with being away from home

Staying overnight becomes popular during summer

By Susan Graziano

For first-time sleep-away campers, and even for those returnees, there may be some anxieties.

"The most important thing we tell parents is to first make sure their child wants to go away to camp," said Stuart Chase, owner of Camp Oquago in Andes, New York. "Once this decision is made, it becomes a three-part effort between the child, the parents and the camp. We do what we can to personalize the experience for each child and we ask that parents help out by making this a very positive time."

It's OK to tell your child that you'll miss him, according to Chase. "But don't say you'll miss him so much you'll cry every day," said Chase, a camp owner for 16 years. "Keep it low-key. Missing one another is a natural occurrence but it shouldn't affect the enjoyment the child is going to have at camp."

Chase said he's a homesickness specialist, helping children work through the feeling until it goes away.

"All of our staff members, many of whom are parents, are sensitive to homesick campers," he said. "And we work with the parents over the phone so they are aware of how their child is doing. It rarely lasts more than two or three days."

In its second year of operation, Campus Kids Summer Camp is a unique concept in sleep-away plans. Located on the campus of Centenary College in Hackettstown, N.J., it has a Monday-Friday stay-over program with campers going home for the weekends. Owner Jiri Brokaw said the concept is clearly popular since enrollment has doubled from last summer.

"Parents want to give their kids a great camp experience but feel a month or two is too long to send them away," said Brokaw, who offers two-, four-, six- and eight-week sessions. "We also have day campers who are looking for something more."

"We had no problems with homesickness last year, as there was always a family reunion to look forward to at the end of each week," he added.

There is one thing parents should do before camp bags are packed, according to Brokaw.

"Get excited about the wonderful activities and the whole camp experience," he said. "After all, this is why you're sending your child away and he or she will reflect your attitude."

Home-missing is how Greg Finger refers to the common sleep-away malady. The owner of Camp Thoro in Vermont, he makes sure campers understand there's nothing wrong with missing home.

"One of the first things we do is encourage parents to involve their child in camp selection right from the beginning," said Finger, who is in his 20th year of operating a camp. "His interests and what a camp has to offer should match, and the camp's philosophy should satisfy that of the parents. Then you can make your decision a mutual one."

Finger focuses on the comfort of each camper in several ways. First, each one will receive a personal letter from his or her counselor before arrival at camp. Also, each child is asked to write a letter about himself or herself so he is greeted by staff members in a very personal way.

"Most important is the enthusiasm parents project about the camp experience," said Finger. "It should start around May as you are getting supplies ready and slowly build up to the day of departure."

For more information on these and other camps, call the American Camping Association at 1-121-268-7822.

For more on camps and camping, see the special pullout "School and Camps '92" in today's issue.

Group accepts camp applications

"Camp Superkids" is good medicine for children with asthma.

The American Lung Association of New Jersey is accepting applications for Camp Superkids, its camping program for children with asthma, according to Dr. Gary Gross of Oakhurst, who serves as a director and medical adviser of Camp Superkids. The program, now entering its 11th year, is open to youngsters ages 7 to 15.

The program is conducted in cooperation with Children's Hospital of New Jersey, Frost Valley YMCA, and Beisler Camping and Retreat Center.

Camp Superkids offers two camping experiences.

There is a one-week resident program - June 21-27 - conducted at Beisler Camping and Retreat Center, Pleasant Grove, where only children with asthma and cystic fibrosis attend.

Two-week resident programs are scheduled for July 5-17 and Aug. 16-28 at Frost Valley YMCA Camp, Claryville, N.Y. (in the Catskill Mountains), where children with asthma are mainstreamed into the regular camp population.
Island ideal for dreamers

Of the tens of thousands of Americans who annually flock to the pebbly beaches of the French Riviera, hardly a handful finds its way to the Island of Porquerolles. Measuring 5 miles in length and 2 miles in width, it dangles off the southern coast of France, a miniscule Eden of heather, fragrant myrtle, towering eucalyptus and pines. Its northern shore is a succession of lovely sand beaches. The island takes its name from its only village, a miniscule harbor built in the middle of the last century as an ill-conceived military outpost.

Were it not for a fortuitous decision by the French government in 1972 to preserve most of the island for a state park, it would doubtless today be smothered by a tidal wave of holiday hotels and ticky-tacky rooming houses for weekending mobs. As it is, the natural beauty of beach and forest, hill and sea remain unspoiled.

The two tennis courts of the Langoustier - a modest, comfortable hostelry of 55 rooms - represent one of the few concessions to tourism ... and that is just how it should be, and how we hope it will remain.

No one arrives on Porquerolles in search of disco lights or resort boutiques - attractions that abound just a few miles to the north, across the sea. Rather, people find their way to its piney serenity, its quiet beaches and beautifully tended, inland vineyards in hopes of escaping the hubbub that besets every French seaside resort.

Many arrive by ferry from Toulon, pushing their bicycles down the gangplank with the intention of wheeling round the island on solitary paths and narrow winding roads where donkey carts are still a common sight.

The theater that is dinner unfolds outside on the terrace before a garden that seems always to be in peak bloom. When Monsieur le Patron presides over the bubbling pots, a meal of noble dimensions is in the making.

Not surprisingly, the island specialty is bouillabaisse, adapted from the docks of Marseille. But the freshness of the local catch and of the wild herbs gathered in the meadows around the restaurant elevate the dish to something close to the sublime.

With a skyful of stars overhead, the sound of the sea stirring just beyond the garden and all the tables full of happily supping Frenchmen, it's heartening to ponder the traffic jams of the Cote d'Azur, where the prices are five times higher, though the fare is not one whit more delicious.

IF YOU GO: The Air France flights from Newark to Paris arrive at Orly. From Orly, there is frequent daily service on Air Inter to Toulon and daily ferry service between Toulon and Porquerolles. For more information, contact AIR FRANCE at 1-800-237-2747 or your local travel agent.

Linda McK. Stewart is a travel writer who lives in Rumson and works in New York. Her travel pieces have appeared in such newspapers as the Los Angeles Times, Philadelphia Inquirer, and Dallas Morning News.
MILESTONES

Backe-Tonningsen

Tara Ann Tonningsen of New York City and Dr. Henry Anthony Backe Jr. of Gulph Mills, Pa. were married Nov. 9, 1991, in St. Catherine of Siena Roman Catholic Church, Riverside, Conn.

The bride is the daughter of Eleanor Conlon Tonningsen of Matarwan and Charles Frederick Tonningsen of Penang, Malaysia.

The bridesman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Backe of Gulph Mills, Pa.

Monsignor Robert Coll officiated at the ceremony.

The bride was given in marriage by her brother, Eric J. Tonningsen.

She wore an antique white peau-de-soie gown trimmed with Alencon lace and seed-pearls, as was her cathedral-length veil. She carried a bouquet of assorted white flowers.

Karen Chin, of Greenwich, Conn. was matron of honor for her sister.

Bridesmaids were the bride’s cousin, Ellen Conlon of Milan, Italy; the groom’s sisters, Lizanne and Karen Backe, both of Philadelphia, and Maureen Backe of Hermosa Beach, Calif.; Eileen Kennedy of Mount Laurel; Maureen Serpico of Doylesboro Beach, Calif.; Eileen Kennedy of Philadelphia, and Maureen Backe of Herters.

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Anthony Backe Jr. of Cincinnati directed the reception at the Riverside Yacht Club, Riverside, Conn., the couple took a sailing trip to the French West Indies.

The bride is a graduate of St. John Vianney High School, Holmdel and LaSalle University, Philadelphia, Pa.

The groom is a graduate of St. Joseph’s Preparatory School, University of Pennsylvania, La Salle University, and Temple University School of Medicine, all of Philadelphia, Pa. He is a resident in orthopedic surgery at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

Ushers were the groom’s brothers, Michael of Boise, Idaho, and Joseph and Kevin of Langhome, Pa.

The couple sailed to Keyport and Salvatore Longette of Sea Girt, N.J. to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary at a cocktail party given by their children at Squires Pub, West Long Branch.

They were married April 6, 1942 in Charleston, S.C.

Mr. and Mrs. Barrett were both employed at the Firemen’s Insurance Co., Newark.

Mrs. Barrett, who is now retired, had also worked for L.D. Calkin Dental Supply Co., Newark, and Bert Williams Advertising, Red Bank.

Mr. Barrett had worked for the Newark Sunday Call, the Newark News and National Biscuit Co.

They are members of the Middletown Reformed Church.

Children of the couple are Marilyn and William Potter III of Middletown and Dorothy and Donald Spinkuch of Tulsa, Okla.

Their grandchildren are Wendy and Wil-
CALENDAR

Today

“Shorebirds of New Jersey,” topic of Monmouth County Audubon Society meeting, 8 p.m., Trinity Episcopal Church, White Street, Red Bank. Richard Kane, editor of “Records of New Jersey Birds” and representative for the society on state advisory councils and coalitions, will present a slide illustrated lecture showing where and when to see sandpipers, plovers and other shorebirds that visit our state. Meeting is open to non-members free of charge.

MOMS (Mothers Organization for Mothers) weekly meeting, 1-2 p.m., Howell Recreation Building, Preventorium Road. For more information, call 363-6056.

Marlboro chapter of Women’s American ORT, Women’s Bowling League, 12:45-2:15 p.m., Strathmore Bowling, Route 34; Matawan. Free baby-sitting. For details, call 536-6790.

Shore Hills Chapter of Sweet Adelines weekly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Raritan High School, Middle Road, Hazlet. Singers wanted. For more information, call 254-3236 or 988-4598.

Liberty Oak Chapter of Sweet Adelines weekly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Freehold Township Public Safety Building, Schanck and Stillwells Corner roads. Call 780-9834 or 780-6513.

Thursday

Monmouth County Advisory Commission of the Status of Women meeting, 5:30 p.m., First Floor Conference Room, Kozloski Road, Freehold.

Friday

Howell Women’s Club, Spring Fashion Show and Dessert Party to benefit local charities, 7:30 p.m., Taunton School Gym, Taunton Drive, Howell. Tickets, $5 in advance, $7 at the door. For tickets, call 938-9604.

Friday and Saturday

Howell Teen Center open 7-11 p.m., Howell Recreation Building, Preventorium Road. Open to Howell teens at no cost; non-resident guests, $1. Activities include dancing, pool and ping pong. Refreshments will be sold.

Monday

Northern Monmouth Branch of the American Association of University Women meeting, Edison Science Building, Room E-1, Monmouth College, West Long Branch. Social and coffee, 7:30 p.m.; meeting, 8 p.m.

Tuesday

Wing and Bonnet Car Club meeting, 8:30 p.m., The Rescue, Belmar. The group is a non-profit corporation dedicated to the promotion of safe driving and competitive autosport events for the public in the central New Jersey area. For more information, call Gerry Brinkman at 308-4508.

Red Bank Area Barbershop Chorus weekly meeting, 7:30 p.m., Tower Hill First Presbyterian Church, 255 Harding Blvd., Red Bank. Ability to read music not required. Voice testing will be available upon request. For more information, call 787-1392 after 6 p.m.

Next Wednesday

Red Bank La Leche League meeting, 7:30 p.m., 35 Thomas Ave., Shrewsbury. Topic: “Nutrition and Weaning.” Nursing babies and mothers-to-be are welcome. For more information, call Lynn Osbourne at 576-8544.

Manalapan-Englishtown Right to Life Committee meeting, 8 p.m., Knights of Columbus Hall, La Satta Avenue, Englishtown.
Parents face challenge raising kids in two faiths

Church officer says children can learn tolerance, openness

By Christine Menapace

When Wendy and Richard Walnock of Aberdeen were married, they knew they would face a difficulty some couples never have to think about.

Coming from two different religious faiths – Wendy is Methodist and Richard is Roman Catholic – they wondered what problems they would encounter trying to raise their children with a religious foundation.

Luckily, they had the insight to discuss their feelings even before they were married with a priest at Wendy's college who counseled them on what they could expect to having a Catholic father, said she grew up being very open to different religions.

Eventually what happened, Walnock said, was that they raised all three of their children with both religions. The children would go to Catholic instruction and Mass on Saturdays and Methodist classes and services on Sundays.

Walclock said this "brought up a lot of questions" from the children but that they came to see many similarities between the two religions.

For example, Walnock said, the children saw that "we worked together as a family" and that the family was really the core of religion.

At first, she added, it was hard being accepted by the Catholic Church but that both churches over the years were supportive.

The churches were willing to work around the children's schedules and at one point Walnock even became a Confraternity of Christian Doctrine teacher for the first and then in Catholic instructional classes when he was in first grade.

When asked if the children ever resented having to go to two ceremonies a week, Walnock said there were the normal conflicts every parent faces with kids who would rather stay home and watch television, but that the question was never really raised because the children respected their parents and realized how important it was to them. Walnock added that the children have benefited by being open to different religions and ideas.

Although Walnock admitted her situation was made easier by the fact that she and Richard were both Christian, she noted, "Don't let anyone kid you and say it's really easy, it's not."

She added that a great deal of effort is needed by both parents and that too many people make the mistake of not discussing what's really important to them before they're married. Although Walnock said the way they handled it may not be right for everyone, "it seems to have really worked for us."

As director of religious education at the First Unitarian Church of Monmouth, Lin-croft, Susan Archer works with many families in which the parents are from different religious faiths. The Unitarian Church, Archer said, preaches an understanding of everyone, "it seems to have really worked for us."

Although Archer admits that this can be confusing to a child and they may have a problem becoming intimately connected with both faith communities, the child will also be "learning to put oneself into a larger context ... not only of tolerance but of the richness of difference."

Archer said it will help the children to incorporate both faith communities.

What is crucial, Archer stresses, is that parents teach children the value of their children's experiences and that these questions have been asked by every religion around the world for thousands of years. Archer said a parent should praise the child for asking such important questions and then explain, "This is the way I feel, this is the way Daddy feels...."

She added it is also important to celebrate the holidays related to both religions and "to incorporate both faith communities."

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It's never too early to start fitness, sports programs

Specialized instruction in gymnastics, sports, dance, general fitness and even pilot instruction is offered at a variety of camps, schools and special programs. The competitive spirit and cooperative teamwork are stressed to help children mature emotionally and socially. The goal is to prepare the child to work well with others as well as to enhance their performance.

All American Soccer Camp is accepting applications at Monmouth College, which offers soccer for July and August camps. Improve soccer skills at the professionally run camp; call 1-201-762-5506 for information.

The Peddie School in Hightstown is the site of Baseball USA Camps. Seven-day instructional camps and special father-and-son mini-weeks are scheduled. Special features include a separate program for 7- to 15-year-olds, plus trips to various professional games and a major-league guest instructor every week. The day camp is for 7- to 15-year-olds and resident camp for those 8-15 years old. In August, 16-year-olds are accepted at Peddie. For information, call 777-3715.

BMY Football and Cheerleading Camp offers two sessions for football, June 29-July 3 and July 27-31, and one cheerleading session, June 29-July 3, at Sayreville War Memorial High School. The camp is open to girls and boys in grades 5-12. Call 613-6035 or 525-5263 for further information.

Brookdale All-Star Sports Camps, Lincroft section of Middletown, is in its 19th year. Specialized instruction in a variety of sports is open to boys and girls ages 5-17. The day camps enroll more than 2,700 campers each year and employ more than 120 coaches. Ferris Attoon, camp director, explains the specialized sports camps begin June 22 and continue to August 21 on the college's 225-acre campus and will offer instruction in 14 sports.

Besides the day camps, year-round programs are offered in cheerleading, soccer leagues and coaches clinics.

Summer sports camps in baseball and basketball instruction, "The Colt Experience," are held at Christian Brothers Academy, Lincroft section of Middletown. A variety of programs for all ages, starting with third-graders, begins June 22. Call 578-8043 for a brochure.

Flip Over is a total fitness center at 3 Joanella Court, East Brunswick, offering summer camp in gymnastics, dance and indoor playground. For information on birth-day parties and Olympic events, call 238-0850. Classes are conducted for boys, girls, teen-agers and adults at Flip Over Gymnastics, Flip Over Fitness and Flip Over Dance.

An exciting career or hobby often starts at Gibson Air Academy, which offers beginning and advanced pilot training. At Allaire Airport in Farmingdale, Billy Gibson has instructed children as young as 8 years old. Concentration, coordination and a sense of adventure are gained as children learn the details of flying a plane. With 15-25 hours of instruction, a 16-year-old can take a solo flight; at 17, boys and girls can get their pilot's license. Single- and multi-engine planes are used.

Infants through 4-year-olds get a lot out of Gymboree classes. Six age-appropriate levels are available, plus the Babygym program for ages 3-12 months. For information, call 543-4793.

A new session begins April 27 at Jumpin Gymkids Inc., the children's fitness center where developmental play, gymnastic and fitness are stressed. A special gym and craft summer program is also available and birthday parties are made special. Located in Yorktown Shopping Center, Manalapan, all classes are directed by certified physical education teachers. Call 972-3939 for information.

Held on the campus of Rider College in Lawrenceville, Rich Martin's All Star Baseball Camp is open to boys 7-18 years old. Sleepover or day camp programs are available; call 462-3366.

Sign up your school, club or organization at Strathmore Lanes Summer Camp on Rt. 34, Matawan, for fantastic bowling fun. For children under 7 years of age, there is Bumper Bowl. For kids 7 and older, the program includes three games of bowling, instructional coaching, rental shoes, an official T-shirt, food and soft drink for $7.25 per week. Call 566-7500.

Separate sessions for boys and girls are featured at Team USA, a resident camp in beautiful upstate New York. Ten-one-week sessions include sports climbing and more on the 500-acre tract. For a brochure, call 1-914-856-TEAM.

Fun, games and sports for ages 3 and up are the order of the day at World Cup Gymnastics. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Training on the trampoline, gymnastics, sports and arts and crafts are provided by the highly skilled and knowledgeable adult staff.

Camp Lindenmere

Situated high in the beautiful Pocono Mountains of Pennsylvania. Camp Lindenmere has represented the finest in summer camping for over 47 years. Situated 1,900 feet above sea level, and covering over 200 acres of land, the camp stands directly beneath the breathtaking heights of Camelback Mountain. Lindenmere attracts campers from New Jersey, New York and around the entire country drawn here because of the unique atmosphere of warmth and companionship.

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The camp's own Lake Highwood is utilized for fishing, boating, cook-outs and overnight trips. There are also tubing and rafting trips down the Delaware. Other programs include photography, archery, dramatics, dancing, gymnastics, outdoor movies at the panoramic amphitheater, interesting trips and concerts with top music stars.

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Now’s the time to choose a summer camp

It happens every summer, as much a sign of the season as heat, haze and humidity, but far more agonizing and much more personal: the decision by parents over whether or not to send their preadolescent children to summer camp, according to Marlboro clinical/school psychologist Daniel A. Meyer.

Some parents suffer from guilt over the prospect of sending their child away again, when that’s what they do for the nine months that school is in session, Meyer adds. Others wrestle with the uncertainty of how their child will cope with life away from home.

“Camp is good — but not for everyone,” Meyer said. “You have to know your child, and know the world, and then make a perfect match.”

He recommends choosing a camp based not on how expensive or prestigious a camp is, but rather on the quality of its personnel and the needs of your child.

The main obstacle that must be overcome in order to make a decision about summer camp is separation anxiety, for both the parents and the child, Meyer said.

“Separation anxiety is equally hard for the child and the parents,” he said.

While parents may look forward to having time alone together, they may have difficulty coping with what Meyer called the “hardest part of being a parent” — letting go.

For children, separation anxiety may take many forms, including a reluctance to be away from their parents, worry over failing in front of their peers and fear of the world beyond the familiar confines of family life and home.

Parents who are fearful of sending their child someplace where they don’t have control are unduly limiting their child, and also passing those feelings and fears directly down to their child, Meyer said.

Knowing your child is crucial to making a decision, he continued. Rather than lecture them, parents should listen to what their children are saying.

“Children are capable of making many of their own decisions,” Meyer said. “Parents who always decide for their kids are not helping them.”

According to Meyer, camp can be a good experience for a child because he or she must deal with a new environment. Camp gives a shy child an opportunity to be outgoing and a quiet child a chance to be loud. All this helps a child grow and mature.

Parents also have the option of sending their children to day camp during the summer. This removes possible problems that may arise from a child being away from home day and night.

The program for younger children differs from that of older children, with older children getting more choices as well as trips off the property. It is important for a day camp to fit the parents’ schedule.

It is important that the camp be open to visits from parents, who should check out the camp facility. Parents should also make sure that their child is certified by the state Department of Health. Parents should check out the director, the staff, and the ratio of staff members to children.

“Camp can be a good experience for a kid, but the decision to send your child there shouldn’t be so traumatic,” Meyer said. “If you know your child, then you’ll know the right decision to make.”
DIVERSIFIED ACTIVITIES

You're never too young to hit a baseball as the camper (above) demonstrates—and girls can hit just as hard as boys. Below, a group of boys receive instruction in erecting a tent at a campsite at Rolling Hills Day Camp, Freehold. Hundreds of kids enjoy summer fun at the camp every year.

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*Made famous by hundreds and hundreds of children to camps where they've spent happy summers," Mrs. Okin adds. "We tell the parents it's a good idea to plan early for the next year and visit camps in person. We'll provide maps, names of hotels nearby and all the information needed for parents to preview the camp themselves."

Youngsters, from preschool through high school, have fun, with a purpose, at Brookdale Community College in the Lincroft section of Middletown, where Summer Adventure Day Camps gives children an unforgettable summer. One- and two-week programs and flexible hours are available at reasonable costs. Campers return year after year to enjoy the variety of activities that widen their horizons and present challenges in learning and improving their athletic prowess.

Established in 1976, Camp Briar Hill Day Camp is set on nine acres of wooded grounds at 148 Dutch Lane Rd., Freehold. Special events are planned each week in addition to the complete program of swimming, arts, crafts, music, dramatics, sports and more.

Camp Lindenmere, located in the beautiful mountains of the Pocono Mountains, has been a favorite for almost 50 years. Owner/Director Mike Sharif and his staff create a setting where every camper feels at home. The ultimate in individual care and attention is lavished on each child because of the policy of the camp that puts strict limits on enrollment: 125 boys and 125 girls, ages 6-16. The programs include more than 15 sports activities and instruction along with rafting, tubing, trips and activities to please everyone. Call 972-8175 for a brochure and further information.

Girls from 7-16 enjoy the sleepaway Camp MA-HE-TU on Lake Kasawaug in Bear Mountain, N.Y. For information about an exciting summer that includes camping, swimming, arts, crafts, sports and more, call 462-0323.

Country Roads Day Camp at 139 Pine...
options in choosing a summer camp
brook Road, Manalapan, has exciting activities for ages 4-15, plus teen and CIT programs. Four swimming pools, a 120-foot water slide, horseback riding, archery, diversified sports clinics, woodworking and a Broadway-style show at summer's end are planned by the camp's owners/directors, Joan and Edward Klein.

Happy Time Day Camp has the distinction of being the oldest day camp, under the same ownership, in Monmouth County. Charles and Alice Nelson opened the camp on Route 537 in Millstone Township, in 1954. They provide transportation to the beautifully wooded 60-acre camp for children from 5-13 years old enjoy safe, healthful and constructive fun with expert supervision.

Ivy League Day Camp at 140 Gordons Corner Rd., Manalapan, offers door-to-door transportation and numerous programs from a three-day mini camp for 3- to 4-year-olds, five-day mini camp for 3- to 5-year-olds, full day for ages 4-11, teen travel and the new CIT program. Directors Ron and Sandy Leiser plan an open house 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 2 and May 3.

Mill Road Day Camp in North Brunswick has a staff of professional educators as division leaders. In the groups for children under 6 years old, the ratio of adult to child is 1 to 3; in the 7 and older groups, it is 1 to 5. A balanced program includes cultural activities, athletics, miniatura golf, theater, drama, music, cooking, go-cart, wiffleball, tennis and more.

Summer fun at the 35-acre camp, Pine Grove Day Camp, will be a memorable experience for any child. The diversified program includes tennis, performing arts, swimming, ceramics, swimming, plus transportation; call 938-3760.

Rolling Hills Country Day Camp at Brookside Drive on the Freehold/ Marlboro border emphasizes team as well as individual sports, performing arts, crafts, swimming, club programs and more. Owner/Director Stanley Breitner provides a complete camp experience for boys and girls from 3-14 years of age.

An open house will be held Saturday from 1-4 p.m. at Summer Fun Day Camp on Route 79, Marlboro. Children from 2 to 11 years old have a variety of programs in small groups and close supervision. Camp Director Pat Worsman explains that Summer Fun Day Camp is "a camp to have fun, build confidence and grow." Mini-day programs, full summer fun day from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., a CIT program and "Sun & Fun teen travel program" are also offered. Small groups, close supervision, swimming, sports, crafts, trips and computer training are all included. For working parents' convenience, extended hours are 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

The source for summer fun for tots to teens also can be found in numerous local community programs and YMCA/YMHA options.

The Community YMCA Camp Arrowhead offers nine exciting camps for all age groups from preschoolers to teens. Camp Arrowhead is divided into 25 acres of beautiful woodlands, streams and fields in Marlboro on Route 520. Full-day child care is offered at Arrowhead Children's Center for ages 2½ to 5 years old, and state-certified nursery schools are held at three locations. The YMCA summer camp is an experience that lasts a lifetime for participants who enjoy arts and crafts, interesting trips, swimming, basketball, volleyball, gymnastics and more. "Latchkey" programs, the Y's after-school child care, is designed for boys and girls in kindergarten through grade 6, and provides a dependable caring for children of working parents. Call 946-4959 for information on locations.

The YMCA Arrowhead Family Swim Center offers three pools for plenty of room for swimming and playing, and a kiddie pool for little ones. The center has informal rec and social activities for adults and children, including swimming lessons for preschoolers and lifeguarding courses and varsity swim teams for older participants.

The Freehold Area YMCA offers 11 camps in one, plus an outdoor swim club and programs for everyone from 2½ years old through teens and adults.

Crystal Canady, vice-president, explains "Our programs are geared to promote the individual development of each child ... at all age levels. We offer a stimulating environment, sports and adventure programs to suit all interests, expert instructors and counselors, plus a fun-filled setting where new friends are made and individuality is encouraged."

The summer day care, for children from 4-13 years old, features instructional swim, recreational swim and arts and crafts, a trip, music, nature, sport skills instruction and a special event weekly. For 12- to 14-year-olds, there are trips, sleep-over, racquetball, archery, karate, drama and more. The center offers four programs, half-day sports and recreation. For preschoolers, Freehold Area YMCA's Pre-school summer programs include classes for the parent and child (from 2½ to 4 years old), a two-week preschool club and the Creative Kids Klub for 3- to 5-year-olds with half-day or full-day options. The YMCA's "Future Years" is a full child-care center operated weekdays from 7 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Freehold Township Park and Recreation Commission announces three summer programs. For boys and girls in kindergarten through grade eight, a "Camp-N-Out" program is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. with extended hours available. Teens from 13-16 love the teen adventure and travel camp. For the athlete, a Shooting Star Basketball Camp is on the agenda.

The New Jersey YMHA/YWCA camps at Milford, Pa., and the Teen Camp at Lake Como, Pa., are in the 72nd year of operation. All under the supervision of expertly trained adult leaders, they offer an exciting experience for children from 6-14 at Nab-Jee-Wah and Cedar Lake Camps. Teens have the opportunity for travel, sports, music and more.

Experienced and caring teachers and counselors provide a summer of adventure, fun, safety, learning and sharing for children from 2½-15 years old at the Raritan Valley YMCA. The variety of programs include full- and half-day care for tots and a overnight summer camp at the East Brunswick location at 206 Dunham's Corner Road and the newest site at Sayreville United Methodist Church, 406 Main St.

There'll be an exciting summer at Camp Yowaliga at the East Brunswick location. For ages 3-5, the Mini Camp is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours available. The mini camp, designed with working parents in mind and is tied in with the Latch Key Program. CIT (Counselors-in-Training) for ages 12-15 emphasizes life skills and leadership.

This past fall, Project U.S.E. (Urban Suburban Environments) completed its 20th year of operation. It is a private, non-profit corporation that provides outdoor/environmental education experiences and adventures to public and private schools, colleges, community groups, youth programs, state agencies and corporations. The staff is deeply committed to the value of learning through experience and offer safe and exciting adventures to participants. The majority of Project U.S.E.'s courses start and finish at the Wildcat Mountain Wilderness Center in Hewitt (in North Jersey). They are geared for individuals or families to give them a better understanding of our environment and range from canoeing to rock climbing and cave exploration.

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Whether parents are choosing a nursery school, kindergarten program or private elementary school, the decision can be mind-boggling. With the variety of programs available and different settings at each school, it's important to consider a number of factors before making the final decision.

Location, transportation, affordability, ratio of teachers to the number of children in the classes, full-day or half-day programs... these are just a few of the many factors to consider before making a final decision. Following are just a few of the area's schools offering excellent programs for tots through teens.

Academics are taught with lots of fun and caring at A Step Ahead Pre-School, Route 79, Matawan. In addition to summer camp and fall classes, there's a kindergarten enrichment program and Mommy & Me classes for tots and moms.

Briar Hill Nursery School in Freehold is celebrating its 25th year of working with children. Briar Hill's Summer Camp has been in existence 16 years. Director Beverly Zeiss explains that their diversified program pleases children from 4 to 9 years old. In addition to arts, crafts, music and swimming, the school now has a certified gymnast on staff to train children in gymnastics. There is no charge for tuition, from 14 years old, to participate in the CIT program as of the September session. The center is located at 425 Riva Ave., East Brunswick.

Day care and kindergarten classes "the way you remember it" are offered at Creative Nursery School, located in North Brunswick and Highland Park. The school now is accepting applications for its summer camp and the fall session. Reading and math skill development along with arts and crafts, science, social studies, cooking and music are included in the comprehensive program.

Crighton School, founded in 1983, is a small private school for bright and gifted children from 5-12 years of age. Located in Matawan, the school has a curriculum filled with challenges and learning opportunities that normally would be limited in the average classroom. The school offers individualized attention, and logical and creative thinking skills are encouraged and nourished.

Child care for infants, toddlers, preschoolers and kindergartners is available at First Friends on Route 34, Matawan. The state-licensed center has a qualified, experienced staff to care for children from 6 weeks to 6 years old. Open from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m., call 846-3293 for information.

With locations in Red Bank and Rumson, Heather Hill Nursery School and Red Bank Manor Nursery School, offers state-licensed nursery school programs plus Saturday fun session. The Rumson school is open 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and accepts children ages 2-3 years. The Red Bank school is open 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. for 2-4 to 6-year-olds.

Nursery, preschool, kindergartend and child care services are offered at Kids' Campus in Eatontown. Ages infants through 6 are included in the versatile programs. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for the convenience of working parents.

Under the direction of Pat Wonsicki, Kinderland Day Care and Learning Center has a staff of 20 teachers and assistant teachers. Located at 123 Main St., Matawan, the school is popular with working parents. Programs are geared to provide challenge and enrichment. The children are grouped according to age and developmental stages. Arts and crafts, gymnastics, swimming at the area's YMCA, music at Monmouth Conservatory of Music and computer lessons are just some of the programs. Transportation is provided.

Wonsicki says, "Since we have students from many different areas, new friendships develop between the children and boys and girls from other neighborhoods."
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children in our latchkey programs at various schools in the area. Expert supervision gives parents peace of mind and kids enjoy snacks, homework time, activities, movies and crafts.

There'll be an exciting summer at Camp Yomeca at the East Brunswick YMCA. For ages 3-5, the Mini Camp is 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with extended hours available. The Day Camp for ages 6-12 will begin June 23. With working parents in mind and is tied in with the latchkey program. CIT ( Counselors-in-Training) for ages 13-15 emphasize life skills and leadership. The newest location is at Sayreville United Methodist Church at 406 Main St., Sayreville.

Robin Jay Nursery School at Routes 516 and 18, Old Bridge, was established in 1966. Miss Rhoda's staff of eight teachers and aides work with 55 children at present. With a philosophy of "respecting each child as a very unique person," staff members work with children ages 2-months to 6 years on a one-to-one basis. In addition to the nursery school and child care, an after-school program is available to children with working parents. Children receive morning and afternoon snacks and lunch. Hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.

A nurturing environment is offered to children from six weeks through 6 years of age at The Shepherd Center for Child Care in Wickatunk. The center also serves the Holmdel and Marlboro areas. Certified early childhood teachers have created stimulating programs geared to the various age groups.

Tots & Blocks Summer Scene is the "Nursery School camp for nursery school kids" with an emphasis on age-appropriate activities. Classes, arts and crafts, music and fun activities for youngsters. Located at Route 516 and Worth Place, Old Bridge, it offers 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. classes from June 29 to Aug. 21.

With more than 30 years of preschool experience, the YMCA at Conover Road in Highland Park offers nursery school and kindergarten with bus transportation for the full- and half-day programs. Extended hours also are available for working parents. Children love their active day with highlights including creative movement, gym, swimming and crafts.

The Wonder Years is an early learning center for the preschool child from 2½-5 years old. Located at 40 Thomas St., South River, the state-licensed school has year-round and summer programs.

In addition to the many private and community schools, there are parochial schools, synagogues and other religious institutions offering nursery schools and day care programs.

Bright Beginnings Christian Nursery School at St. Thomas Lutheran Church, 203 Taylor Mills Road, Manalapan, has morning and afternoon classes for 2½- to 3-year-olds. A Christian program along with enrichment activities provides a well-planned day for the children. A Mommy & Me program for 18- to 32-month-old children is fun for both mom and baby. Call 431-5418.

An early childhood program encouraging creativity in a Jewish environment is offered at Congregation Sons of Israel Nursery School in Manalapan. Director Renee Narson invites mothers to be a part of the "Mom and Me" experience. Other classes include a pre-nursery, nursery, pre-kindergarten, full-day kindergarten and kindergarten enrichment.

As a fully accredited school, Cornerstone Christian School on Hardenburg Lane, East Brunswick, offers individual attention, a Bible-based Christian education and a full range of studies for pre-kindergarten to seventh grade.

Principal Susan Howarth explains, "We have sought to provide a quality Christian school and to offer the highest standards for intellectual and spiritual learning."

In addition to a strong academic program, there are intramural sports, home economics, a school newspaper, instrumental music program, typing for grades 5-7, and weekly chapel services. The school's exceptional kindergarten program stresses phonetics, printing, reading at various levels, number concepts, social studies and science in a full-day program.

Gateway Christian Day School is the nursery school conducted at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 568 Ryders Lane, East Brunswick. A balanced social and academic program is featured with small classes and a Christian-based curriculum.

Marlboro Jewish Center's preschool summer program offers art, crafts, drama, cooking, puppetry and lots of fun for the preschooler. Early bird discounts are offered to those who enroll by April 15; call 536-2303.

Registration is being accepted for St. Stanislaus Kostka School in Sayreville. The school is dedicated to excellence in education and classes range from a full-day kindergarten program to eighth grade. Led by a staff of dedicated teachers, the children enjoy computer programs and a full curriculum with limited class size. For further information, call 254-5819.

Solomon Schechter Day School of Monmouth County features educational excellence from pre-kindergarten through the sixth grade. The nurturing environment has individual instruction, small class size and a complete curriculum of general and Judaic studies. For information about September registration, call 431-5525.

The oldest preschool program operating at an area temple was first established 20 years ago at Temple Shari Emeth, Craig Road, Manalapan. Director Arline Grossman says the six-week summer camp has three morning programs available. There are 2½- to 5-year-old groups plus a Mommy & Me class. The summer program includes preschool classes plus water play and outdoor activities. During the school year, children from 2½ years old enter the preschool and nursery school classes. An accredited full-day kindergarten is offered from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, plus kindergarten enrichment programs two afternoons a week.

Registration is now being accepted for September classes at Temple Beth Shalom in Manalapan. Call director Ellen Kuzner to learn about the summer program. Other classes include Mom & Me and nursery school classes for 2½- to 5-year-olds, plus a kindergarten enrichment program.

Temple Shalom Nursery School in Aberdeen is open to all members of the community and has flexible programs. Morning and afternoon programs and kindergarten enrichment. As experts in early childhood education, Director Sherri Sobel and her staff specialize in teaching children through play. An innovative new program exposes children to the world of art.

Sobel explains, "We study one famous artist a month, talk about the artist's background and works. The children then work on a project themselves, trying to emulate the style as they learn more about the artist's techniques."

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"When kids go away to camp, they're sometimes afraid that they won't fit in," says owner Andrea Mesh. "Kids know what the dress code is, and Smith Bros. has it."

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Hats are big this summer, especially pro team and denim ones. Not only are they trendy, but they're good sunvisors and tick protectors as well. Smith Bros. clothes and accessories definitely help kids become the "ultimate camper."

Show and Tell at the Gateway Mall, Route 9, Old Bridge, offers personalized camp accessories. The shop's staff personalize and decorate everything from large and small camp trunks, canteens, flashlights and buckets to mirrors, travel kits and toothbrushes. They'll even put together special travel kits with whatever items you select — from combs and brushes to toothbrushes.

Show and Tell also personalizes stationery, along with pens and pencils. These are certainly necessary items for kids going off to sleepaway camps! For those going to day camp, they personalize backpacks, campbells, lunchboxes and hats.

Away at camp, every kid loves receiving "care packages." Show and Tell provides a complete care-package service; you pick out what you'd like to send, and they personalize it with anything from a name to a custom design, pack it, and mail it out for you.

Sneakers Etc. is your full camp outfitter. It carries everything from caps to sneakers and everything in between, including T-shirts, shorts, socks, sweatsuits, jeans, bathing suits and even accessories.

It carries all the name brands including Champion, Hobie, Brine and Keds, and stock T-shirts and hats of all the pro teams. You'll find a full selection of Beverly Hills 90210 T-shirts and shorts at Sneakers Etc., as well as tie-dyed and regular jeans.

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Children learn skills at summer camps

Programs include music, art, theater and photography

Summer vacation time can be productive for children to learn new skills and develop new interests. Schools and camps offer classes in a variety of disciplines, giving children the opportunity to expand their knowledge and abilities.

Educational enrichment programs are offered at the Center for Creative Youth, Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. The pre-college residential program is designed for talented high school students with an emphasis on creative subjects. Vocal and instrumental music, visual arts, photography and theater are just some of the courses taught by professionals. For information, call 1-203-347-9411.

Center Stage Power Dance Camp provides three-week sessions in July and August. If you're interested in dance, call 247-1001 for information. Programs are conducted in East Brunswick and Marlboro.

For ages 3 and up, Gallery of Dance presents Dance Camp's summer programs specially designed to give children a fun and educational experience. Creative expression, musical theater, ballet, dance history and more are included in the program; call 308-9077.

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As official school of the American Repertory Ballet Company, Princeton Ballet School has locations in Cranbury, New Brunswick and Princeton. At present, the school is accepting open enrollment for summer classes for teens and adults in ballet, jazz, modern and Spanish dance. A children's workshop features one-week classes for 7- to 10-year-olds and Ballet Plus is for students 11 and older. For information, call 1-609-971-7758.

An exciting new summer dance theater camp is planned by the Shore Ballet Theater School at 25 Broad Street, Red Bank. All forms of dance, acting, mime and music plus videos, demonstrations, arts and crafts will be offered in a fun-packed week of theater activities with professional teachers. Day camp is provided for boys and girls 4 to 12 years old. For information, call 842-3959.

It's never too early to prepare for S.A.T. exams and to get that extra help. George Fliegel Counseling & Tutoring provides individual and group instruction. The average score increase is 150-300 points after this additional tutoring. Instruction is offered in both math and verbal. For information, call 972-0769.

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Some tips to follow when selecting a summer camp

There are many choices of camps for your child — sleep-away, travel, day camp, wilderness, computer or arts camp — male, female or coed.

Some coed camps play down boy/girl relationships, and encourage the campers to grow up as friends, since many campers return to the same camp each year. Brother/sister camps situated across the lake from each other allow family members to visit conveniently, or they may be several miles apart.

Whether the camp is two or three miles from home or two or three hours away, remember you cannot just drop in on most camps. If you are concerned about distance, it is a right camp for every child, but it isn't fact, no such thing as the 'best camp.' There is, in fact, a number of variables for any parent to consider, according to Jeff Solomon, executive director of the National Camp Association in New York City.

"The big mistake most parents make is choosing a summer camp based on its popularity and assuming it will be the best one for their child," he explains. "But the program may not suit him or her. There is, in fact, no such thing as the 'best camp.' There is a right camp for every child, but it isn't going to be the same for everyone. Like children, every camp is different."

Solomon offers guidelines to help parents in making their decision.

- List possible camps. Ask parents about camps. Keep your child's interests, the location and cost of the respective camps in mind. What about transportation? Or contact an accredited camp advisory service to get further information.

- Meet with the director of any camp being considered. Ask how long he has held the position. Look for someone with a minimum of four years in the job and ask the following questions.

  - What percentage of the campers return each year? If most kids are not coming back, there's a reason for it.
  - Who are the staff members? How are they hired? Does the same staff tend to return each year? Even though most staffers are students, a high turnover indicates a high degree of dissatisfaction.
  - What is the staff training?
  - What is the counselor-camper ratio?
  - What are the camp facilities and how convenient are they for campers?
  - What is the schedule like? Is it a structured program or one that emphasizes a lot of choice?
  - What is the camp philosophy? Does it exist on sports or the arts? Is it a diverse program?
  - What is the camp's attitude pertaining to competitiveness? Some children shy away from being competitive while others literally seem to thrive on it.

- Is the camp accredited by an overseeing organization or the state? An accredited camp will have stringent standards pertaining to health, safety and general programming, and it will be inspected on a regular basis.

- What are the sleeping arrangements and toilet and shower facilities like?

- What is the food like, and who prepares it?

- What medical staff and facilities are available?

- What insurance coverage is there?

- What are the policies about food packages from home, letters, TV, trips and visiting days?

- If it's important to you, what is the ethnic and religious make-up of the camp?

- What is the total cost of the camp, including extras?

- Is there a refund policy if a camper leaves early?

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Parents need time to relax

Parents who work are constantly tired. It stands to reason that when you run your human motor at full tilt without resting, the body will attempt to tell you, "That is enough!"

Children who have parents who both work or are raised in single-parent families have tired caretakers.

People who are tired operate on the edge of their abilities, and are often easy to trigger into anger. They are set up for more frequent accidents and anger that comes out in different situations from where it rightfully belongs. Being tired most of the time makes for difficult interpersonal relationships.

What can parents do when this is the natural state of their lives? The first help is to recognize that this may be what has happened to your life as you attempt to cope with too much, and to look for ways to lessen the burden.

Do you really have to work each day, or is part-time while the children are young a possibility? Can you share the household chores with the entire family instead of thinking of them as yours alone? Can you go without cleaning each week in favor of more time for yourself or with your spouse or kids? Are there trade-offs that would lessen your workload?

Some families I've known have thought the burden. One person declared a "beautify me" night each week, and told her family that she took a leisurely bubble bath; did her hair, nails and skin; and luxuriated in spoiling herself reading in bed, the family seemingly forgotten for the evening. For a single parent, a friend could take over, and then the two could take turns giving each other a night off. Another time-off, when there is no time and less money, is to trade families for a weekend. Find a friend situated in a similar situation and make a deal: "We will take your kids for the weekend if you will take ours another weekend."

Hiring a sitter on a retainer basis is another way to ensure some breaking of a tight routine. Having an understanding with a sitter that she is to appear on Saturday afternoon and stay into the evening each week makes it possible for you to get out and relax each week. If not every week, try once a month. I've known parents who did this only to take a ride by themselves, walk the boardwalk and return home refreshed. The plans don't have to be elaborate; they just have to afford you an oasis in what can seem like an endless work lifestyle.

Having an event to look forward to each season helps for some, and so they plan an adult happening, be it a party, weekend trip, theater or sport event each season. The expectation is as good as the affair.

Constant work may bring in money. But without relaxation and fun, the quality of life exacts too great a price. Planning and determination to put some recreation back into a busy life is well worth the effort. It's the quality of work in balance is what it's all about.

Ara Nugent is director of Learning Associates, Fair Haven.
Today through April 10
Art contest applications for the 1992 Senior Citizens' Annual Juried Art Contest and Exhibition are available through the Monmouth County Office on Aging. Applications must be returned to the Office on Aging by April 10. For more information, call Jud Thorne or Kathie Kohl at 431-7450.

Today through April 11
Art exhibit at Serendipity Gallery, 1916 Main Street, Red Bank. Entitled "Prelude to Spring: A Collectors Show," featuring Fanch, Max, McKnight, Tarkay and others. Hours: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday. For more information, call 566-8650.

Today through April 17
Scuplture exhibition by the Sculptors Association of New Jersey at the Monmouth Museum, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call 747-2266.

Today through April 24
Angelica Kolo, Middletown artist, is exhibiting works in watercolor, acrylic, oil and pastel at the Red Bank Public Library, 84 W. Front St. Hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 842-0606.

Today through April 25
"Fathers and Sons" exhibit at the Atium Gallery, Brookdale Community College Advanced Technology Center, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. Three generations of the Belvedere family displaying oils, photographs and sculpture. Gallery hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 842-1900, Ext. 600.

Today through May 1
Doris Robin Schwartz exhibition of watercolor paintings at the Chemical Bank of New Jersey, Howell Branch, Friendship Mall, Route 9, Sponsored by the Freehold Art Society.

Today through July 12
Donald De Luc sculptures at the Monmouth Museum, Brookdale College, Lincroft. Hours: 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays, 1-5 p.m. Sundays. Closed Mondays. Non-member admission for adults, $2; children/seniors, $1.50. For information, call 747-2266.

Thursday through Saturday
"Godspell" by the Freehold Township High School Drama Club, Freehold Township High School, Bruce Road, Adelphia Road. Performances at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday. Tickets, $4 plus one can of food. Group rate for 25 or more is $3. To make group reservations, call 431-8460.

Friday
Broadway music by the Night on Broadway Company in the Conference Hall Little Theater, Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. 7:30 p.m. Tickets, $10 general admission and $8 Brookdale students, alumni and seniors. For more information, call 842-1900, Ext. 282.

Chamber Music Series, sponsored by the Monmouth Arts Foundation, in the Fellowship Hall of the First Presbyterian Church, River Road, Rumson, 8 p.m. Virtuoso trio of Samuel Baron, flute; Ronald Roseman, oboe; and Kenneth Cooper, harpsichord. Tickets, $14 general admission, $7 for students. For details, call 389-5200.

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra, Joseph Silverstein, conductor and solo violinist, at the State Theatre, Livingston Avenue, New Brunswick, 8 p.m. Tickets, $10 to $35. For information, call 1-800-ALLEGRO or 624-8203. Student and senior rush tickets half-price, 30 minutes before performance.

Friday through April 18
"Zora Spook and Other Lures," a comedy at the George Street Playhouse, 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick. Performances, 8 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays and 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays. Tickets, $18 to $29. Discounts available for students and seniors. For information and reservations, call 246-7717.

Friday and Saturday
"A Shayna Maidel" produced by the Marlboro Community Players at the Frank J. Dugan School, Topan­ensus Road, Marlboro, at 8 p.m. $9 general admission, $7 for students/seniors. For information and directions, call 972-7291.

"The Mystery of Edwin Drood," produced by Pegasus Production Company, Henderson Theatre, Christian Brothers Academy, 850 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft. All shows at 8 p.m. Matinee Sunday at 2 p.m. $10 for adults, $8 for seniors, $7 for students. For reservations, call 758-1118.

"Tintypes," a musical by Mary Kyte at the Spring Lake Community House Theatre, Third and Madison avenues, Spring Lake, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, $12 general admission, $11 for seniors 62 and over. For reservations, call 449-4520.

Fridays and Saturdays through April 11
Mozart's comic opera "Così fan tutte," in English, at the Nicholas Music Center of Rutgers Arts Center, George Street and Route 18, New Brunswick. 8 p.m. For ticket information, call 932-7084.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through April 12
"Beyond Therapy," a farce by Christopher Durang, at the Center for the Performing Arts, Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft, 8 p.m. Tickets, $10 adults, $8 senior citizens over 62 and Brookdale staff/faculty, $5. Brookdale students with ID. For tickets and information, call 431-8460.
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Income tax-preparation assistance available at the library. Trained volunteers are available from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursdays; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturdays; and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays. The program will continue through April 15. For information, call 308-3761.

MATAWAN

Tax help at the Matawan-Aberdeen Public Library, 165 Main St. IRS VITA volunteers are available Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. No appointment necessary, but on a first-come basis. For more information, call 583-9100.

MIDDLETOWN

Tax assistance at the library, 55 New Monmouth Road, noon to 4 p.m. every Monday through Thursday. No appointment necessary. Special counseling for the elderly available 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesdays. Seniors are requested to sign up for this service by calling 671-3700. All patrons of this service are requested to bring last year’s tax return and all pertinent papers.

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Russian children’s crafts exhibit at the library until April 11. Crafts were made by students in Stalingrad and loaned by the Children’s Peace Fair Committee.

UNION BEACH

Tax assistance to seniors, 2 to 5 p.m. Wednesday afternoons and 6:30 to 9 p.m. Tuesday evenings at the library, 810 Union Ave. Call the library in the day or evening at 264-3792 before coming in to verify that a tax volunteer is available.

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ABERDEEN

Four students, age 14 to 17, were accused of being involved in setting off a “block buster” March 17 in the men’s bathroom at Matawan Regional High School. The fireworks caused extensive damage to the sink, and two students who were near the scene complained of a loss in hearing. Patrolman John Motson responded to the call. One 14-year-old was charged with possession of fireworks.

In a domestic dispute resulting in violence against a woman and her baby occurred March 25 on Stadyook Street. The baby’s father was transported to headquarters and placed on $2,500 bail.

A pocketbook containing $20 cash, a $60 paycheck and a $100 bill was stolen March 23 from a car parked on South Course.

HAZLET

Larry Vacuelli, 31, of 19 Raccoon Drive was charged with driving while intoxicated following a motor vehicle stop on Route 36. He was released on recognizance. The charge was filed by Patrolman John Fitzsimmons at about 12:30 a.m. while he was on DWI patrol.

A man assaulted in Hazlet Plaza, Route 35, was broken into sometime during the night of March 20-21. Nothing appeared to be stolen; however, a box containing $500 worth of money was taken.

A domestic dispute occurred between two men who were near the scene of an accident and driving with a suspended license. Patrolman Richard Rybak responded.

A Gatewood Drive residence was broken into between 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. March 18. A rear door was kicked in, and two silver necklaces valued at $50 and a silver trumpet of unknown value, stolen from a dresser top in the master bedroom. Other more expensive jewelry was not taken. Patrolwoman Mary Ann Smith responded.

A car stereo valued at $553 was stolen in a car burglary the night of March 19-20 at Cars Auto Rental, 3382 Route 35. Footprints leading from the crime scene were visible in the snow. Patrolman Richard Prevost investigated.

Two males, both believed to be in their mid-20s, tried to steal a forklift vehicle from behind K. mart, Route 35, March 13. A store manager heard the vehicle start and gave the two men. When she questioned them, they left the area. The ignition was started by someone using a screwdriver. Patrolwoman Mary Ann Smith investigated.

Michael Hart, 34, of Brookside Mobile Park, was arrested March 20 on a warrant out of Sayreville. He was turned over to Sayreville Police, where bail was set at $25,000. Patrolman Glen Hourshen arrested the subject at about 9:30 a.m.

Alberto S. Pereira, 21, of 546 Locust Ave., Hillside, was charged March 19 with burglary, possession of a weapon, providing false identification to police and tampering with a vehicle. He was apprehended at Rensens Dodge, Route 35, at 1:30 a.m. by Patrolman Robert Weber.

HOLMDEL

A Middletown man reported at about 11:30 a.m. March 18 that Monday afternoon, his wife’s checkbook, cash-cashing card and driver’s license were taken March 16 from the therapy office at the Holmel Nursing Home. On March 19, the Middletown man called headquarters to report that the Absecon Police Department had recovered the items. Patrolman George Matson responded to the call and took an investigation report.

Police reportedly stopped Isaac Dziadzio, no age given, 70 Main St., Port Monmouth, at about 12:45 a.m. March 27 at Route 35 and Laurel Avenue. He was taken to headquarters, tested, charged with driving while intoxicated and released. Patrolman Walter Weber was the participatig officer.

KEYPORT

Patrolman Kevin Cassidy reported at 6:11 a.m. March 25 that shrubs and hedges on Clark Street were torn up. At 6:52 a.m., the manager of Fragrance Resources, Clark Street, also reported damage. At 7:13 a.m., Patrolman Cassidy reported that six to eight hedges were pulled up, with tire tracks from a car next to them, and there were tiring across the street.

Someone from Gale’s Hardware Store, West Front Street, reported at 5 p.m. March 24 that someone broke the window of his corner store.

A Affliliate Street resident reported at 2:54 p.m. March 24 to report that his son’s bicycle had been stolen.

A Cedar Street resident called at 7:18 p.m. March 23 to report that a group of juveniles on Beers Street was throwing snowballs. Patrolman Mark Hafner and Robert Aumack responded.

An unknown caller reported at 5:25 p.m. March 23 that a group of juveniles was throwing snowballs at passing vehicles, and possibly at the train tracks between Beers and Main streets. Patrolman Robert Aumack and Detective Richard Rybak responded.

A Van Dorn resident came into headquarters at 5:23 p.m. March 23 to report that two of her dogs were missing. One dog is a black German shephed/Labrador mix named Widow, the other dog is a terrier Dutch hound named Barney.

A woman was reported shoplifting at J.J. Newberry’s, West Front Street, at 4:32 p.m. March 23. Complaints are pending against the woman. Patrolman Mark Hafner and Robert Aumack responded.

Someone from Turk Collectors, 218 Broad Street, reported at 8:17 p.m. March 23 that someone entered the storage yard on Division Street and stole four tires. Sgt. Robert Dillion responded and reported that four tires and waren taken from a 1988 Mercury Cougar.

MATAWAN

Scott M. Allen, 230 Cherry Tree Lane, Middletown, was charged with leaving the scene of an accident, failure to report an accident and driving with a suspended license at 10:36 p.m. March 17 at the parking lot of the Doughnut Bar, Broad and Main streets. Sgt. Joseph Reid and Patrolmen Richard Wolak, Anthony Brizendine and Michael Meany responded.

A Main Street resident reported at 3:47 p.m. March 15 that a 1985 Pontiac Firebird was stolen from the rear of Matawan Drugs, Main Street, between 11 p.m. March 15 and 3:30 p.m. March 16. Patrolman George Magnenat responded.

A Somerset Place resident reported at 6:05 p.m. March 13 that damage was done to her vehicle while it was parked at the Matawan Train Station. Patrolman Michael Meany reported that the vehicle’s side-view mirrors were broken.

Someone from Foodtown, Main Street, called at 12:41 p.m. March 24 to report a shoplifter. Patrolmen George Magnenat, with the assistance of Mr. James Walker responded and reported that the subject had fled the area, toward the rear of Atlantic Gifts, Main Street. At 12:50 p.m., a Main Street resident called and reported that Daniel R. Fleischman, 385 Highland St., South Amboy, whom she knows, came into her house. He was intoxicated and she was scared, she said. Because he fit the description of the reported shoplifter, Fleischman was taken into custody and charged with shoplifting.

A West Manor resident reported at 8:14 a.m. March 24 that sometime between 3 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. the previous day, someone smashed the kitchen window of her apartment.

Someone from Rockford Arms Apartment, Morristown and Cross roads, called at 5:52 p.m. March 24 to report a possible dispute in another Rockford Arms apartment. Police at the scene reported that the people were sharing a shower to conserve water and that there was no domestic dispute. Sgt. William Dietrich and Patrolman Arthur Knoeller, Paul Callamara and Joseph Dzvil reported.

Edward Luzick, 7 Fawn Drive, was charged with assault March 21 after an incident at Tom’s Ford, Keyport. Detective Sgt. James Alston and Patrolmen Lonnie White and Benjamin Johnson responded.
ANNE MARIE WILLIAMS

Services were held March 30 at St. Catherine’s Roman Catholic Church, East Keansburg, for Anne Marie Ackerman Williams, 90, of Rahway who died March 25 at John F. Kennedy Medical Center in Union. Mrs. Williams, a homemaker, was born in Brooklyn and had lived most of her life in East Keansburg before moving to Rahway four years ago. She was a communicant of St. Catherine’s Church, East Keansburg and a member of its Rosary Altar Society. She was preceded by her husband, John G. Williams, who died in 1965.

Surviving are three sons, John Williams of Eatontown, Kenneth Willinski of Belmar and Joseph Williams of Keyport, three daughters, Marie Haiduk of Rahway, Charlotte Terry of Red Bank and AnnMay DeBonis of North Brunswick; 16 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery, Middletown.

JOHN F. HELM

Services were held March 26 at St. Joseph’s Roman Catholic Church, Keyport, for Margaret M. Wright Corbett, 70, of Union Beach who died March 23 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. Mrs. Corbett, a homemaker, was born in Newark and lived in East Orange before moving to Union Beach eight years ago. She was preceded by her husband, James A. Corbett, who died in 1964. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Keyport.

Surviving are her sons, James of Lakewood and William of East Orange; a daughter, Kathleen Achenbach of Tom’s River; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Day Funeral Home, Keyport, was in charge of arrangements.

ALEXANDER SHIMANSKY

Private services were held for Alexander Shimansky, 75, of Union Beach who died March 22 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel. Mr. Shimansky had been a butcher for the A&P Super Market, Maspeth, New York, for 40 years, retiring in 1978. He was born in Queens, N.Y. and had lived in Maspeth until moving to Union Beach nine years ago.

Surviving are his wife, Tanya Woronzoff Shimansky; a son, Richard of Union Beach; two daughters, Dolores Phillips of Las Vegas, Nev. and Tanya Zee of W. Palm Beach, Fla.; seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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WILLIAM R. ASHWORTH

Services were held March 26 for William R. Ashworth, 85, of Milltown Township who died March 24 at home. Mr. Ashworth had been a millwright for Westinghouse Lamp Division, Bloomfield, for 29 years, retiring 20 years ago. He also built and repaired stained glass windows and lamps for many years.

Surviving are his wife, Sophia Zaleske Ashworth; two sons, James of Califon and William Jr. of Bloomfield; a sister, Agnes Moe of Lakewood; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Interment was in Graceland Memorial Park, Kenilworth.

NANCY PLUMERI

Nancy M. Plumeri, 30, of Old Bridge died March 23 at CentraState Medical Center, Freehold. Mrs. Plumeri was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Thomas Plumeri; two sons, Thomas and Christopher, both at home; her parents, Frank and Rose Pidoto of Old Bridge; two brothers, John Pidoto of Long Branch; and a sister, Carol Heck of Old Bridge.

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By Alan Karmin

Gomez underwent surgery on Feb. 19 and has been going through rehabilitation to strengthen the knee. She said she asked Notre Dame coach Muffett McGraw for her release after the team's year-end banquet and although the coach was unhappy, she understood and gave Gomez the go-ahead to pursue other alternatives.

"I've been very homesick," the Keyport resident said from South Bend. "I haven't really been happy out here. I think it would have been a lot different if I were able to go home — especially when my injury occurred."

Gomez and fellow freshman guard Michelle Marciniak, an All-America selection out of Central Catholic High School, Allentown, Pa., were both heralded as big-time recruits for a Notre Dame program which appeared to be on the upswing. The team struggled in the 1991-92 campaign, finishing the season with a 14-17 record, although the Fighting Irish did earn an NCAA tournament berth. Ironically, in addition to Gomez's departure, the Notre Dame athletic department has confirmed that Marciniak is also leaving the school.

While McGraw was away on a recruiting trip and unavailable for comment, a spokesperson in the athletic office said, "I'm sure Coach McGraw would wish Audrey and Michelle the best in whatever they do. But this is a situation where the girls and the school will both be better for it (leaving Notre Dame)."

Gomez said if she had it to do all over again, she would not have chosen Notre Dame.

"I would have looked at things a lot differently. I just got caught up in all the hype over the mystique of Notre Dame," she said.

While no other school has approached her yet, Gomez said she will maintain an open mind as to where she will go next.

"I was leaning toward Rutgers but now I'm just going to sit back and see what comes my way. I'm just going to concentrate on getting my leg back in shape during the summer," she added.

Regardless of where she ends up, Gomez will have to sit out the 1992-93 season under NCAA transfer rules, but she said that would help her to rehabilitate the injured knee. She also said the knee is not a concern, that it feels good and she is walking normally.

Gomez was on spring break recently and attended St. John Vianney's Parochial A state title game at Rider College along with former SJV backcourt mate Sarah Coleman, who now plays at Boston University. When the possibility of joining Coleman at BU was mentioned, without tipping her hand Gomez answered, "That's definitely in the air. All I can say right now is I'm going to be close by."

Talented Eagles confident as campaign opens

By Alan Karmin

The Middletown South High School softball team will begin defense of its Shore Conference A North Division title and Shore Conference Softball Tournament championship when the Eagles open the 1992 season against Marlboro today.

The Eagles finished the 1991 season with a 23-4 mark. They easily won the A North division and then were edged by one run in the last inning of a Central Jersey Group IV state tournament game against Edison. But the disappointment didn't last long as the Eagles beat Wall Township to win the Shore Conference Tournament championship.

"We're good enough to do it," said Coach Tom Erbig about defending both titles. "It's just a matter of whether we'll get lucky in all of our games — are we going to get the breaks when we need the breaks?"

Most of the members of last year's squad are back, with two big exceptions: first baseman and team captain Dawn Marino and pitcher Kerri Supinski.

Marino, who is now starting for Monmouth College, led the team with a .512 batting average and 42 hits, six triples, 35 RBIs and 44 runs scored, while adding five doubles and five home runs. But the one thing Erbig believes the team will miss is Marino's leadership qualities.

"That's the dilemma I have right now — replacing her in all aspects," he said. "We haven't had enough scrimmages for me to tell anything about whether anybody has come into the limelight or taken her spot yet."

And that spot has been one of the toughest for Erbig to fill so far as he has been trying to choose from a group of four players to fill the opening at first base, including juniors Amanda Hall and Melissa Podravsky, sophomore Erin Pratt and freshman Angela Burgio.

Erbig believes that replacing Supinski won't be as difficult. After struggling with her control early in '81, Supinski settled down to throw five no-hitters, including one run in the last inning of a Shore Conference Tournament championship game.

"I think we can win the A North title again. When it comes to tournament time, if we're playing up to our potential we're as good as any team in the Shore Conference, if not better."

Tom Erbig
Middletown South softball coach

Four in a row. She finished with an 18-4 mark and a 2.12 ERA, striking out 144 but walking 85 in 132 innings.

Stepping in to take her place is senior Debbie Falk, who saw some action last year, going 5-0 with a 1.18 ERA. In 29.2 innings she struck out 38 and walked only three, and pitched a five-inning perfect game against Marlboro.

Back up Falk will be junior Cara Porcella, who had a successful season for the Eagles' junior varsity squad last year.

"I think Debbie's consistency with no walks will be a big plus for us because we're not going to have people on base," said Erbig. "They're going to have to hit their way on. There won't be a lot of walks and hit batters. And our infield can certainly handle anything they hit off Debbie."

"She hasn't been put in those tough situations yet either so I don't know how she's going to perform under real severe pressure, although I think she can handle it."

One other loss the team saw was catcher Lynette Bobak. Bobak suffered a broken bone in her hand last season that never healed right and as a result the senior will be out for the year. Replacing her behind the plate will be junior Jessica Sweeney, who saw some action last season as an infielder and designated hitter and hit .271.

"It's not going to make any difference with Jessica behind the plate," Erbig said. "She's worked hard and she looks solid back there. I'm confident that she can do a very good job."

Leading the list of returning players for the Eagles is senior Kristen Ialessio, who has already been awarded a softball scholarship to the University of Virginia. Ialessio played right field last year, but with the graduation of Vicki Cerinanni, will move to her more natural centerfield position.

Ialessio led the Eagles with six home runs as a junior, batting .354 with two doubles, five triples and 28 RBIs. The rest of the outfield will have senior incumbent Amy Wistniewski (397) in left field and either senior Lauren Pagano (353) or junior Denise Trezza in right field.

The infield is set with junior Corrie Bullock at second base, junior Tara Christie as shortstop, and Christine Rowe at third base.

Middletown South shortstop Tara Christie stays down on a grounder during an Eagles' workout last week. The defending Shore Conference A North Division and Shore Conference Softball Tournament champions are primed for a big year in 1992.
Spring rings in start of '92 baseball campaign

Welcome to April and the beginning of spring, which brings us back to the great outdoors with the green grass and the fresh air — it's time for baseball.

As I begin my third season of covering baseball for the Independent, the 1992 Shore Conference season has already made some news even before the first official pitch has been thrown.

The longstanding Monmouth College Tournament has been scrapped for a new look. The event, now known as the Monmouth College Tournament, has moved from the West Long Branch college and will play its semifinals and final under the lights at Fort Monmouth in Eatontown.

As far as what may happen on the field, Monmouth Regional and the Toms River schools should be the conference's top dogs once again. Monmouth Regional, which won the Monmouth College Tournament and the Central Jersey Group III crowns in 1991, returns several key players and is the front runner in the Shore Conference B South Division race.

The three Toms River schools (North, South and East) are tough every year, but East returns six starters and looks to have a chance to claim A South supremacy.

On the Independent area scene, Middletown North had a great run that left the Lions just short of a state sectional title in 1991. The Lions won the A North crown and racked up 25 wins. Keypoint gained respect with 12 wins and a share of the C North title, while Holmdel (16-11) went from just sneaking into the Central Jersey Group II playoff field to winning the state sectional title.

Our 10 local teams are scattered in four Shore Conference divisions, with the Holmdel Hornets by their lonesome in the C South race.

How will the area teams do this year? Starting today with an in-depth look at Keyport (see Page 58), we'll have stories about each club, with all the names and news from the coaches. Today, here's an overview of the divisional races.

A NORTH

Middletown North last top pitcher Ed Malinowski (10-1, 1.55 ERA) and No. 2 starter Rich English (8-3), the "bash brothers" Vin Gallo (11 HR, 41 RBI, .477) and Todd Zink (8 HR, 26 RBI, 372), the Valilotti brothers, James (4-30, 28 RBI) and Jeff (393, 4 HR, 25 RBI), and supporting players Andy Hoekstra and Mark McKinley to graduation.

Without this group of talented players, the road to repeating as division champion will be a challenge for veteran coach Rich Veh (who earned his 200th career win last season), Mike Srotak (SR, .300) and Charlie Diehl (P, 7-1, 2.80 ERA) will have to lead this young team which has a tough schedule ahead of it.

Middletown South brings in new head coach Bill LaFalce to take the reigns from Bob Generelli. Eddie Lupuznick gave the Eagles a great season offensively and surprised some people with effective pitching in 1991 and Chris Turner performed solidly on the hill and at shortstop, but both have moved on. Brad Gartman (1-3) and Dave Cerchio (2-1) bring experience to the pitching staff with Jim Bongiolatti back as the most experienced Eagle in the field. The job for LaFalce this season may be to get this program over the .500 hump that it has fallen short of the last few seasons (7-12 last year).

CBA looks like the team to beat in A North as the Colts return three impact players — Aron Pasko (28-SS), Ed DeFranco (LHP), and Dave Lardieri (3B).

Lardieri exploded onto the varsity scene last year with four home runs and 12 RBI in the Colts' first three games. The junior batted .382 and belted seven home runs and 31 RBI. DeFranco became the ace of the pitching staff and went 6-3 with an ERA holding around 2.00, while Pasko gave Coach Marty Kenney solid offense (2 HR, 20 RBI) and pitching (5-3).

Chris Fitzpatrick, Stu East (4-1) and Bill Heffernan (3 saves) are also back to help build up a deep mound staff. Marc Reed (.340, 3 HR, 15 RBI), Marc Peters (.329, HR, 14 RBI) and John Scalabrini (.356, 1 HR) are back to join Lardieri in the infield on a team loaded with talent.

While Marlboro is without former No. 1 starter Keith Coe and No. 2 man Jason Dunn, Neptune loses the one-man gang of Anthony Johnson, and Manalapan and Red and Black has to look to its pitching to come out on top at the title right now, with Middletown North and Freehold Township, with pitcher John Veh, returning.

B NORTH

St. John Vianney got out of the blocks fast last season with the straight wins and then seemed to cool off the rest of the way (12-9), but the Holmdel school has a knack for winning.

Head coach Barry Cook has made his living as a man who molds his players into winners, and this season his challenge will be without Chris Donahue, who started at three different positions in his career, the entire starting outfield (Tony Harnett, Scott Bichard and Derek Mack), and catcher John Figurelli.

The Lancers' pitching should make them division contenders as Marc D'Allesandro (3-4), Gene Smith and Scott Hall are back. D'Allesandro is also the team's top returning hitter (.381, 14 RBIs).

Raritan coach Joe Barth debated last year and after a slow start the Rockets made great strides and finished second in the division title and almost sneak in for a state tournament berth.

With Brian Gregory (5-3) as the pitching ace and Ryan Waltz (2-1) and Brian Guiney (2-0) supporting the senior right-hander after impressive freshman stints, combined with the offense of Frank Patalano (.350), John Drennan (.393) and Dave Janezic (.300), the Rockets rate as one of the B North favorites.

Keyport has been struggling for a few years now, and coach Dieter Johnson will hope to get this team closer to .500 as the rebuilding process continues. Look for junior second baseman Mike Pallitto to make a name for himself.

C SOUTH

Keyport earned a measure of respect last season, but now comes the challenge of living up to the prediction of a favorite in the division. Coach Sal Principe brings back two rising stars in Brad Bell and Steve Wheeler. Bell, a junior southpaw, struck out 60 in 32 innings pitched while posting a 6-2 record and a 2.54 ERA. Wheeler has hit .390 in his first two varsity seasons, and the junior outfielder may be on the way to his best season yet.

The Langan brothers, Steve (.333, HR, 12 RBI) and Chris (.320, 2 HR, 10 RBI), should emerge after surparing success as freshmen, while Jim Staeger (.250), Mike Marval (.246), and Chris Backer (.269 as a freshman) may help contribute toward an outright division title in 1992.

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**Red Raiders eye title run**

By Alan Karmin

The Keyport High School baseball team will open its season Thursday against Shore Conference C North Division rival Henry Hudson.

The Red Raiders finished the 1991 season at 12-12, but shared the C North title with Rumson as both teams had 9-3 league marks.

The Red Raiders appear to be in a position to challenge for the top spot again as they have seven starters returning, including juniors Brad Bell and Steve Wheeler — both three-year varsity players.

Bell, a first baseman and left-handed pitcher, hit .333 with two home runs and was 6-2 on the mound in 1991. Wheeler, another southpaw pitcher behind Bell in the rotation, has averaged .390 in his first two years of varsity ball.

"Steve is an excellent line-drive hitter," said Keyport coach Sal Principe. "He has a perfect lefty swing — much like Will Clark (of the San Francisco Giants). He just sprays line drives all over the field and he's also very quick. Brad, on the other hand, is more of a gap hitter. But he has the power to go deep."

Other returning starters include senior second baseman Jim Staeger (.250), sophomore shortstop Steve Langan (.333), senior third baseman Mike Marvel (.250), sophomore left fielder Chris Bechtoldt (.269) and sophomore centerfielder Chris Langar (.333).

The Red Raiders have added senior catcher Dallas Smith, junior first baseman Joe Grandi and senior right fielder Danny Royalle. Additional depth will come with senior pitcher/shortstop Sal Mazur, sophomore infielder Albie Ostovich, junior infielder Terry O'Brien, freshman outfielder Keith Royale and sophomore infielder/pitcher Pat Whitehead.

"I think we're very strong with our returning starters and especially strong up the middle," said Principe, now in his sixth season at Keyport. "Our pitching is very good.

Dallas (Smith) is a very strong defensive catcher. Jimmy (Staeger) at second and either Steve (Langar) or Sal (Mazur) at shortstop and Chris Langan in centerfield are very good."

The big question for Keyport, though, is Bell's arm. The junior southpaw who had a sensational basketball season has come up with a sore elbow.

"Brad is a big question mark for us right now," said Principe. "It appears to be tendinitis in his left elbow and I don't think he'll be ready to pitch the first week or two. He'll start out as the designated hitter because he's such a competitor that I'm afraid he'd hurt his arm even more if he had to make a throw while playing first base."

"But even though Brad's pitching is in question right now, I still feel we have the horses to be competitive. We still have a solid staff. Wheeler, Mazur, Grandi and both Langans have all shown they can pitch. We'll have a solid staff but having Brad would make things a lot easier."

While Principe is confident about his team's pitching and defense, he's really excited about the team's hitting.

"We have a solid lineup from top to bottom," he said. "Usually when you go to 7-8-9, people say, 'Who's up, 7-8-9? OK, well just throw fastballs.' If they do throw fastballs to our 7-8-9 hitters, they'll be seeing 1-2 and 3 really quick. Everybody can hit."

The thing that has Principe most pleased is the competition he has seen within the team itself.

"One of a lot of talent here," he said. "Every one of these guys can play. The No. 1 thing I've seen is the competition and I think it's a healthy thing and we're only going to be better for it."

"I'd be disappointed if weren't near the top of the division," he said. "We have the ability and we have the potential to be there. The question is how well we execute. The fact that we're solid is a given. What we do with it is not."
**SPORT SHORTS**

**HAZLET**

Registration will begin immediately for a girls’ softball camp sponsored by the Hazlet Recreation Commission and instructed by Vikki Morrow. The camp, for girls ages 7-17, will be held on four Sundays – April 5, 12, 26, and May 3 – from 4-7 p.m. at Veterans Memorial Park. Cost is $70 and includes T-shirt. Details: 739-0633.

Hazlet United 1991/1993 recreational soccer registration will be held May 2, May 9 and May 16 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hazlet Soccer Fields, Green Arees Drive. Any child born in 1977 through 1986 is eligible. Players do not have to be residents of Hazlet to join the league. A drawing will be held May 2 for a free soccer camp given by North American, June 29 to July 3 (an $85 value). Players do not have to be residents of Hazlet to enter the raffle for a free registration ($45 value), for any child that registers May 2. Details: Pat, 888-0957.

The Hazlet Havoc boys’ Division 1 19- and-under soccer team is off to a 2-1 start in the spring season. After losing to Toms River, 1-0, on a penalty shot, Hazlet has beaten Long Branch, 3-0, and Ocean, 2-1. Garry Linstra knocked home the game-winning goal vs. Ocean. Chris Totten also scored for Hazlet in the win over Long Branch. Chris Turo scored two goals and Tim McGinn scored once. Goalie Dave Sirkin picked up the shutout in net.

**MIDDLETOWN**

Marianne McPartland, 29, of Middletown, competed in the recent Millburn Memorial Invitational. McPartland was fourth all-around (103.1), first on parallel bars (18.5), and fifth on floor exercise (18.0). Bill Balogh, Steve Friedmann and Mark Kuzdra coach the World Gym, 129 Monmouth Street, Red Bank. Details: 736-3666.

Middletown’s Pete Marcotte has received honorable mention recognition on the 1991-92 Garden State Athletic Conference Division I and II all-star basketball team as picked by the league coaches. Marcotte, who plays at Brookdale Community College, will play in the New Jersey College Basketball Association North-South All-Star Game at Drew University, Madison, on April 12.

**REGIONAL**

The dates for the 1992 Summer Sports Camps at Brookdale Community College, Lincroft, have been set. The weekly specialized camps will begin June 22 and continue through Aug. 21. The camps, now in their 19th year, offer instruction in 13 sports: baseball, baseball batting, baseball T-ball, softball, cheersleading, tennis, field hockey, wrestling, sports fun and sports readiness. In addition to the day camps, there are two boys’ high school evening and 7-a-side soccer leagues. Sports instruction is provided by 120 qualified coaches, and there are guest lecturers from colleges and from professionals in various sports. There is a low camper/staff ratio. For a brochure, write to: Sports Camps/Community Services, Brookdale Community College, Newman Springs Road, Lincroft 07738, or call Ferris or Deanna Antoon at 842-1866.

**BEHIND THE PLATE**

Middletown South High School catcher Jessica Sweeney works out behind the plate during a recent softball practice. Area teams will open the 1992 softball campaign today.

The Monmouth College men’s soccer program will present its first outdoor soccer tournament, “The Subway Cup,” at Monmouth College, West Long Branch. The June 27-28 tournament, sponsored by Subway shops, will be affiliated with NJSYSA, USYSA and the USSF. There will be 16 teams playing in four divisions, with division winners advancing to the semifinals. Age groups are: Under 7, Aug. 1, 1984 to July 31, 1985 birthdays; Under 8, Aug. 1, 1983 to July 31, 1985 birthdays; Under 9, Aug. 1, 1982 to July 31, 1983 birthdays; Entry fee: $140 per team. Games will be two 25-minute halves, with seven players on each side. Details: Don Yerks, 571-3415 or 363-4256.

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What to expect when walking into the Price Club

By Marilyn Duff

HAZLET — What’s it like to shop at the Price Club, the area’s first membership warehouse store which opened its doors in December at the former Route 35 Drive-in site? Well, to borrow from an old television commercial, it’s like no other store in the... area.

First-time shoppers could be likened to kids being let loose in a candy store, with their noses turned more toward bargains than sugary treats. For many, too, it’s probably their first look at what can only be described as gargantuan-sized food packaging — no ordinary cereal boxes here, but ones so big, you wonder if they require specialized cupboards.

Since there are no aisle signs or anything else resembling an ordinary store, the first-time shopper has to find his own way, and most — not wanting to miss out on anything — are inclined to go aisle by aisle. Enticing food samples are also offered at various, strategic locations.

While the store doesn’t carry everything, it carries enough to make a visit there a fascinating journey. Two wide, center aisles divide the cavernous, no-frills warehouse into three sections. One side is devoted primarily to food. There is a large assortment of prepared frozen foods and seafood; fresh meats, much of them packaged for an average family; some produce; and all sorts of canned and boxed foods.

The center section is more open, with aisles of office supplies, limited clothing, linens and some furniture. The section to the right has rows of towering shelves filled with everything from television sets to laundry soap to toilet paper. In the front, there is also a one-hour photo processing booth, a computer sales section, an optical center and a lunch area, where — you guessed it — giant-sized hot dogs are sold. The back of the store contains a bakery area and delicatessen, and outside, there is a tire center.

While the first adjective which comes to mind when you think of the Price Club is “big,” there are other unique aspects.

To shop there, you must carry a membership card and show it when you enter. When you go through the check-out counter and when you leave. When you leave the store, your receipt is checked quickly against the contents of your shopping cart.

Nothing is bagged. Sometimes empty boxes are available, but otherwise, everything is put loose into your cart, and unless you bring some type of bags in your car, that’s how you take everything home.

Membership cards are available in two categories. Business memberships are available to all types of businesses as well as qualified, licensed professionals. The fee for the first card is $25 and for a second card, $10. A gold membership card is also available to employees of government bodies, schools, other employee groups and members of certain credit unions. These members also pay $25 for the first card and can get a second one for $10.

Persons who don’t qualify under either of the two categories can ask someone who qualifies to get them a card. Members can also bring non-members to the store.

Some of the disadvantages of shopping at the Price Club include little or no brand selection, and such fast turnover that something you saw one week and went back to purchase a week later, may no longer be available. For example, there may be just one brand of toothpaste or bacon or a limited variety of one brand of cat food. The brands may also change from week to week.

“Sometimes I find it a frustrating experience,” said one member about shopping at the Price Club, but added that it’s always profitable. She has learned that if she sees something she wants, but waits to buy it the following week, it might not be available. “You have to grab it while it’s there,” she said. Because you’re buying in larger than normal quantities, you may also tend to spend a lot more money at one time than you might at a regular store. For example, you don’t buy one toothbrush, but a nine-pack; not one box of macaroni and cheese, but a mini-case; not a regular-sized bottle of Listerine, but a whiskey-sized bottle and... on the other hand, provided you have ample storage space at home, these items will last a lot longer. Some shoppers also might consider the hours a disadvantage. The store is open to businesses only 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday and Thursday. Regular hours for all members are noon to 9 p.m. weekdays and on weekends, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. So, shopping at the Price Club is fun, challenging, frustrating and fascinating. After all, it’s like no other store in the area... for now, that is.
HAZLET — Has the Price Club had a negative impact on area stores?

When the warehouse store opened its doors, the manager predicted that the competition would drop its prices, saying that this was a trend where other Price Clubs have opened.

A corporate spokesman for Grand Union said that the Price Club has had no impact at all, saying that its concept is totally different from that of a traditional supermarket.

"You can't go in there and get a normal weekly food purchase," said Don Vaillancourt, corporate vice president of Grand Union, adding that the assortment of food items available "tends to be spotty."

Approximately half of Grand Union's 111 stores in the tri-state area have incorporated mini-warehouse sections where limited items are sold in bulk - a concept which has been quite successful, according to Vaillancourt. He said the warehouse sections were started about six months ago in stores that had ample space, but that it was in response to the recession, and not to compete with warehouse stores such as the Price Club.

A Pathmark corporate spokesman feels just the opposite, however; that it has had a negative impact.

Larry Salinas, vice president of public affairs and research for Pathmark, said, "Whenever they locate near us, we feel an impact." As a result, Salinas said, the store has started "big deals," selling institutional-size packaging.

"They certainly sell a lot of products we sell," Salinas said, saying that the Price Club obviously has an impact. Also, he pointed out, the Price Club has a "very, very large trading area" which supermarkets feel, whether they are nearby or 5 miles away.

For instance, a number of Hazlet Price Club members formerly traveled to the Edison Price Club to shop.

Despite the impact, Salinas pointed out that supermarkets such as Pathmark still have numerous advantages over the Price Club, including product variety, convenience and service. Also, when they promote a product, he said, that product is cheaper.

One thing that smaller stores offer that you can't find at the Price Club is personalized service, added one local retailer.

For now, Salinas said, the Price Club is "new and exciting," with a "carnival atmosphere." He's hoping that when the excitement wears off, people will realize that the "disadvantages outweigh any advantages." And to further counter the concept, he thinks "supermarkets are going to get a little more exciting."

The Pathmark of Hazlet, located on Route 35 near the Price Club, will be having a grand reopening in the next few weeks, Salinas said, predicting that the public "will see a lot of new, exciting things there."

The Price Club, according to information provided last year, counts groceries and sundries among the four categories which make up the highest percentage of sales. The other categories are office furniture, products and equipment; small and major appliances; and automotive and tires.

Hazel Township, according to Municipal Administrator Jerome Cevetello, purchases from the Price Club, using a voucher system. Cevetello said that the township is the first municipality in the state, and possibly in the country, that has such an arrangement. The township buys its copy-machine paper there, saving from $4 to $6 per box over previous costs, he added.
The real estate industry operates in an environment that is perhaps the closest to a perfectly competitive market as one will find. Prices are set by the market, as is compensation for the real estate agent and the broker. It is an industry in which practitioners are paid solely on their ability to produce results. No sale means no commission. So it is in the Realtor’s best interest to ensure that all parties to a transaction come away from the table feeling good about the property transfer. There is no percentage in ill will.

The market is driven by consumer choice. Buyers and sellers have an array of marketplace options. They can use the services of a Realtor or not. While we obviously feel that there is a clear value in working with a real estate professional in the home buying and selling process, consumers are free to choose what method they use to market or purchase property. In fact, the Realtor is often the guide for all parties and details together in a given transaction.

For that reason, we also feel it is important to note that members of the National Association of Realtors (NAR), who are Realtors subscribing to a strict code of ethics, are the consuming public’s best choice when seeking a guide through the maze of increasingly complex real estate transactions.

Of the 1.2 million active licensees in the United States, nearly 800,000 are Realtors. Independent studies show that consumers view real estate agents and brokers favorably. For example, one survey finds that nearly eight out of 10 American consumers believe that real estate agents can show buyers a better selection of homes than they can find on their own. The same survey by the National Family Opinion Research Inc. notes that 74 percent of the public agrees that using a real estate agent saves time and 70 percent feel that real estate agents make buying or selling a home much easier.

Additionally, 74 percent of survey respondents state that their personal contact with a real estate agent was a positive experience. Nearly half – 45 percent – of the real estate sales are surveyed by the National Association of Realtors in its 1987 Membership Profile had a college-level educational background, with two-thirds of those focusing on business administration, liberal arts, physical sciences and economics. Brokers mirror that educational profile, but with slightly higher concentrations in business administration, economics and physical sciences.

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107 Liberty Place ...........................................$125,000
Seller: Columbia Maggipinto
Buyer: Richard Taylor, et al.

**HOLMDEL**

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Buyer: Beverly Gray

134 Gettysburg Lane $159,900
Seller: RCG Dev. Corp. of Holmdel V
Buyer: Joa and Pony Danish

Palmer Avenue $45,386
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Buyer: Barbara Albizio

KEANSBURG
97 Maplewood Ave. $87,000
Seller: Regina and Jeffrey Nolen
Buyer: Theodore Alven

184 Myrtle Ave $36,000
Seller: Citicorp Mortgage Inc.
Buyer: Frank Leloa

246 Seeley Ave. $56,000
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Buyer: Sue and Joseph Chao

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Seller: Catherine Collum
Buyer: Candy and David Settle

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Seller: Julius Friedleib
Buyer: Anezza Dalaridis

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Seller: Teresa and John Sasso
Buyer: Jeanie and Kevin Stesi

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Buyer: Katherine and Eugene Bunt Jr.

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Washington $40,000
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Buyer: Stanley Selick

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20 Boxwood Terrace, Red Bank $124,000
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Buyer: Constance and Michael Nolan

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39 Handyboy Court, Red Bank $151,000
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Buyer: Bernadette and Kevin Slavin

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Buyer: Michael and Mary Conte

467 Middletown-Lincroft Road, Lincroft $175,000
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Buyer: Anthony Giampaolo, et al.

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Buyer: Constance and Martin Godaqui

73 Riverbrook Ave., Lincroft $137,000
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Buyer: Abbie and Radford Stokes

154 Sleepy Hollow Road, Red Bank $540,000
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Buyer: Spatial Design Inc.

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Get hold of cyclical stocks

Cyclical stocks because the economy is poised to grow more strongly than most investors expect. In last month's column, I listed many reasons for expecting a strong economic recovery. Recent economic data confirms that a recovery has begun. If the economy snaps back strongly, then cyclical stocks will post strong quarterly earnings gains.

As a market sector, cycicals are underowned, relative to "growth" stocks. Most portfolios continue to be overweighted in health-care and consumer stocks. Taking a contrary point of view, investors should consider increasing their weighting in cyclical stocks.

Most importantly, these are the companies that have become truly "lean and mean." They survived the recession by cutting operations "to the bone." With dramatically lower break-even costs, any increase in sales will lead to strong and rapid increases in earnings.

While big-cap growth stocks began to decline in January, cyclical stocks climbed decisively. Advancing on increasing trading volume, many cyclical stocks "broke out" of well-defined trading ranges, and registered tremendous improvement in performance relative to the market. All of this suggests the beginning of a few years of strong gains for this market sector.

Investment strategy: Monarch Machine Tool (14) is a recent addition to our speculative portfolio. A diversified manufacturer of machine tools, Monarch survived an industry depression while being profitable for the past 15 years. Boasting the best balance sheet in the industry, current assets, minus all debt, equals $10 per share.

1992 earnings should increase to 40 cents per share from 1991's 30 cents. With an improving economy, 1993 net could double to the 80-cent area. Long-term prospects are excellent, as American industry retools to become more competitive internationally and to lower costs.

Technically, Monarch just began its first bull market of the decade. With solid volume action, Monarch projects to a 20 objective, as long as it holds above 11.5.

Andrew Addison is editor of "The Addison Report," a stock market and mutual fund advisory letter, and publishes "The Institutional View." He has been ranked the No. 1 long-term Stock Market timer for the three-year period ending Dec. 31 by Timer Digest. He is also a consultant to portfolio managers at mutual funds, investment companies and trust departments.
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Many commonly used wax products can actually dull your new car's reflective finish. They use a combination of wax or silicone and a harsh abrasive polish to remove oxidized paint. These abrasives can roughen the surface with thousands of tiny fine scratches.

The scratched paint can't reflect light as well as smooth paint. This results in an overall reduction in shine.

These days, people are waxing more often to protect their cars from the almost-impossible-to-remove, water-spotting effects of acid rain. Frequent waxing with polishes containing abrasives causes unnecessary removal and deterioration of paint.

Your new car should not be exposed to these strong paint-removing abrasives. It just needs washing and a follow-up with a good abrasive-free wax. Older cars with paint already dulled will need a very mild polishing cleaner to restore the high gloss. Then apply a non-abrasive wax.

Many popular waxes that are supposedly non-abrasive in fact contain abrasives. If a manufacturer's wax promises to remove dirt, oxidized polish or small scratches, you can be sure it contains more than just wax.

Early car wax products were abrasive-free. If an abrasive polish was needed, it was sold separately and identified by the coarseness of the abrasive used. From strong rubbing compounds to extremely mild polishes.

The best waxes were made with imported Carnauba wax. Growing on a select group of palm trees in Brazil, the natural wax protects the tender leaves from the harsh sun and long rainy periods common in the rain forests. As the costs of gathering and importing this wax skyrocketed, chemists created cheaper "wax-less" substitutes. Abrasives were mixed into their new formulations to aid in removing "dead" paint.

They were billed as the lazy man's one-step car polish. Unfortunately, they've never been able to equal the extreme high gloss and no-scratch properties of pure Carnauba wax. And when used often, the abrasives unnecessarily remove good paint and create coat finishes.

Since the change from pure Carnauba to man-made synthetics progressed over many years, only the astute consumer realized he was getting less shine for his money. Only a side-by-side comparison of waxes will truly show what is best for your car.

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